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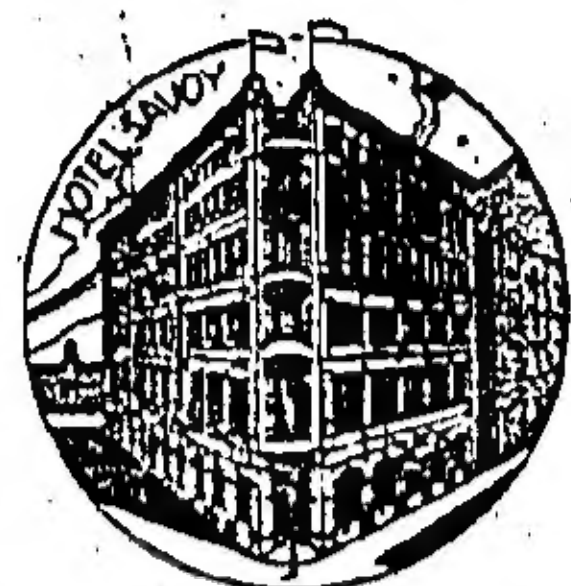
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## TRAGEDY OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

### PROPOSED CAMPAIGN AGAINST GANDHI.

### LORD IRWIN ON MISTAKEN POLITICAL IDEALS.

### FIVE DEAD IN RIOT.

New Delhi, Apr. 1.  
Replying to an address by the Shiah community, the Viceroy of India alluded to the civil disobedience campaign and said it was a tragedy that men were constantly asked to believe that a political typhoon, rooting up and destroying the countryside, was necessary before the sun could shine and that a country could reach its rightful destiny only through the agency of convulsion.

The Viceroy welcomed an assurance that the Shiahs stood for orderly progress towards self Government and that they dissociated themselves from civil disobedience. —*Reuter.*

### Campaign Against Gandhi.

Poona, Apr. 1.  
A threat to start a passive resistance campaign against the Gandhi movement is contained in a manifesto issued by the founders of a new party known as the Indian National anti-Revolutionary Party. It is headed by three well-known members of the depressed classes in Poona.

The manifesto says that the party regards British rule as absolutely necessary in India until the complete removal of "untouchability" and the abolition of caste distinctions. —*Reuter.*

### Police Fire on Crowd.

Calcutta, Apr. 1.  
Five Hindus were killed in rioting in the Howrah Bridge district where the carters are offering passive resistance against the new rule which prevents carters from taking out buffaloes during the hottest hours of the day.

The Police made a charge but failed to clear the streets and consequently they were forced to fire on the crowd. Three European sergeants were injured by brickbats thrown by the mob.

A tense atmosphere prevails in the district which is noted as a storm centre. —*Reuter.*

### Mill Strike Peters Out.

Calcutta, Apr. 1.  
A large number of the 20,000 strikers in the Titagarh area have now resumed work and most of the mills worked full hours to-day. The strike started early last month when about 20,000 men walked out as a direct result of the activities of the Bengal Jute-workers Union, the president and secretary of which were served with notices under the Criminal Procedure Code.

Later, the number of strikers grew and several were injured in a fracas which occurred after an attempt to storm the police station. —*Reuter.*

### CANTON CONSUL'S JURISDICTION.

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Consul General that it was his intention to enter the United States to become a member of a firm already existing there, and which is already carrying on a trade with China.

Plaintiff submitted that the denial of the application for a visa was in plain violation of the Sino-American Treaty of 1881 and of Immigration Act of 1924, for reasons which he sets forth.

It is added that plaintiff had been apprised by the Consul General that in denying the application, he was acting under the instructions of the Secretary of State and of the Commissioner General of Immigration, and that it would be useless for plaintiff to request either of these officials to over-rule the Consul's decision.

Plaintiff claimed that he had no other adequate or speedy remedy than by writ of Mandamus ordering the Consul General to grant him a visa.

### No Jurisdiction.

The plea of the defendant's counsel was that the United States Court for China had no jurisdiction to issue a Writ of Mandamus against the Consul General in his official capacity, and that the Court had no jurisdiction to issue such writ ordering him to issue a visa to an alien to permit him to enter the United States in any case, and particularly in this case.

The Consul General, in his answer to the petition, denied several of the points put forward by the plaintiff and stated that after thorough investigation of all the facts, he had, and still has, good

## NOTED BROADCAST ARTIST.

### MISS BEATRICE MORELAND ON THE FRANCONIA.

### SHOALS OF LETTERS.

Amongst the tourists aboard the Cunard liner *Franconia*, which leaves port to-night, is Miss Beatrice Moreland, who is widely known throughout the United States as "Aunt Sary of Main Street," by reason of the fact that she has figured for several years in broadcasting "Main Street Sketches." In this capacity she had for two years the leading feminine role at "WOR," one of New York's best-known radio stations.

Miss Moreland, before taking up broadcasting, had a big stage career, playing leads all over the States in plays starring some of the best actors known. She built up a big reputation in the States, having played under the direction of Charles Frohman, Davis Belasco, Winthrop Ames and Henry Irving.

Known to millions of people in the States by reason of her broadcasting talks, Miss Moreland made a reckless promise when she started out on her world tour on the *Franconia*. She undertook to answer personally every letter mailed to her during her trip. On arriving in Egypt, she got no fewer than 2,231 letters, in Bombay 2,100, in Manila over 600 and in Hongkong over 100. Needless to say, she has reluctantly been obliged to cancel her promise. The receipt of so many letters testifies to her popularity in the United States.

Miss Moreland has, unfortunately, just passed through a serious illness whilst aboard the *Franconia*, having contracted dysentery. She is loud in her praises of Dr. G. Jameson Carr, who has proved himself a wonderful doctor to all on board.

Speaking of Hongkong to a *Telegraph* representative, Miss Moreland says it is without question the most beautiful place she has ever seen, and she says she will never forget her visit to the Colony.

### CHIANG RUSHES TO CAPITAL.

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Some 30,000 Kuominchun forces from Kansu and Shansi arrived at Chengchow on Saturday when Marshal Feng Yu-shiang formally announced the appointment of General Shih Yu-shan as Commander of the Kuominchun Army in Honan. After several weeks of dilly-dallying, it appears that the surrender to Shansi of General Shih Yu-shan has become a reality.

### Fighting in Honan.

Hostilities between the Government force at Lanfeng, Honan, and the advancing Kuominchun troops from Kaifeng are understood to have broken out near Lanfeng, while much Kuominchun military activity is evidenced at Kunghsien and Loyang.

Marshal Yen Hsi-shan assumed his post as Commander-in-Chief of the Shansi-Kuominchun allies at Taiyuanfu yesterday, stating his intention to leave for Shihchiachwang to direct the attack on the Nationalist forces in Shantung.

On the same day, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang was officially installed to his new post as Vice-Commander-in-Chief at Tungkwan.

### Troops Go Over.

Peking, Apr. 1.  
According to foreign sources of information General Han Fu-chu lost more than half his army when some of them surrendered, large numbers being former Kuominchun men. They went over to and were reincorporated under General Shih Yu-shan.

In Chinese circles it is stated that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan intends to appoint General Shih Yu-shan as Chairman of the Provincial Government of Shantung, in place of General Wan Hsuan-tsai, who will be appointed to Honan, and General Sun Tien-ying to Anhui. —*Reuter.*

### Yen's New Post.

Peking, Apr. 1.  
Yen Hsi-shan is expected to take up his post as Commander-in-Chief to-day. —*Reuter.*

reason to believe that the plaintiff is inadmissible to the United States as a merchant, being of the opinion that the plaintiff had no intention and does not now intend to enter the United States for the purpose of therein engaging in business as a merchant within the meaning of the immigration laws of America, or to enter the United States solely to carry on trade in pursuance of any existing treaties between the United States and China. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

## BRITISH RULE IN PALESTINE.

### COMMENT ON REPORT OF COMMISSION.

### GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

### DELICATE MATTER.

London, Apr. 1.

Commenting on the report of the Palestine Commission, the *Times* says, "To sum up its contents in a phrase, the report makes a strong case for a definition of the practical limits of Zionist colonization in Palestine if it is not to result in a 'poor Arab' problem, but it also suggests that the first and most obvious duty on a mandatory power is to leave no doubt whatever in the mind of either race that this country intends to retain the mandate with which the League of Nations has entrusted it, and to maintain law and order throughout the country."

So long as that is clearly understood there is everything to be said for a clear reinstatement of the terms of the mandate and of the policy by which it is to be carried out in practice.

### To the Root of the Matter.

The *Daily Telegraph* says the report goes to the root of the matter in insisting that what is needed, and without delay as between Jew and Arab, is a statement of policy which shall leave neither community in any doubt as to its position, and to its guaranteed rights under the mandate of the Balfour Declaration or as to the Government's intention to support that policy with all necessary vigour.

### A Delicate Task.

The *Manchester Guardian* says, "The task to which we are committed in Palestine is at the best one of the utmost delicacy. It is a problem which we are bound to solve without injustice to the present population. It is in a solution of the economic problem that hope for Palestine largely lies. Jewish culture and Jewish capital have already done much to improve the condition of the country, as, for instance, in the fight against malaria. Gradually, by raising the standard of life, the Jews may hope to reconcile the Arabs to experiment."

Quite clearly the key problems of immigration and land purchase require expert study and control and a more detailed examination than they have yet received. Above all the suspicion that the administration can be bullied into concessions or deflected by political cajolery must be banished once and for all. In stressing this, the Commission have done well."

### Policy Statement.

The primary recommendation of the Commission is that His Majesty's Government should issue immediately a statement of policy and make plain their intention of carrying out that policy with all the resources at their command. Such a statement would be more valuable if it contained a clearly definite interpretation by the British Government of the passages in the Mandate safeguarding the rights of non-Jewish communities and laid down more explicit directions for the guidance of the Palestine Government in its policy on vital issues such as immigration and land. —*British Wireless.*

### Huddersfield Win AT BURNLEY.

### SMART PERFORMANCE BY CUP FINALISTS.

London, Apr. 1.

Burnley went down on their own ground to-day in a postponed First Division match, being beaten by Huddersfield by three goals to one. —*Reuter.*

### First Division.

Wednesday	31	19	6	6	80	44
Manchester	35	18	7	10	83	43
Derby	35	18	7	10	71	62
Aston Villa	34	17	4	13	75	70
Blackburn	36	10	6	14	89	88
Liverpool	35	15	8	12	69	62
Huddersfield	35	16	6	13	65	60
Leeds	34	18	4	14	63	51
Leicester	36	15	6	15	69	73
West Ham	36	15	5	16	74	69
Bolton	36	14	7	15	64	60
Portsmouth	35	13	8	14	60	55
Birmingham	33	13	7	13	54	49
Sheffield U.	36	14	5	17	77	73
Sunderland	33	13	7	13	55	64
Arsenal	33	13	6	14	67	48
Burnley	37	12	8	17	68	87
Middlesbrough	35	14	3	18	71	74
Manchester U.	35	13	5	17	55	72
Newcastle	32	12	8	18	61	82
Everton	35	8	10	17	59	76
Grimsby	24	10	6	18	60	79

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TO OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	Kutsang Suisang	Fri 18th Apr at 7 a.m. Fri. 25th Apr at 7 a.m.
TO SANDAKAN	Hinsang Mausang	Wed. 2nd Apr at 3 p.m. Thurs 17th Apr at 3 p.m.
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Capt. Nevill, who has already visited various European countries, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Singapore, where he was successful in interesting pine-apple packers to the extent of forming an association for the buying of raw material and the selling of the finished product. Here in Hongkong, Capt. Nevill is anxious to get into touch with buyers and consumers of tinplate—both European and Chinese—and is of opinion that edible South China products, such as bamboo shoots, etc., could easily command a wider sale if canned by modern methods and exported. Later, Capt. Nevill will be proceeding to Shanghai and Japan in an endeavour to further the sale of British tinplates.

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## OBITUARY.

SIR WILLIAM HENRY WILKINSON.

London, Apr. 1. Sir William Henry Wilkinson, Kt., died at his home in Bathampton on Monday night.

He was born on the 10th. May, 1858, and was educated at Wolverhampton, and Balliol College, Oxford, becoming an Exhibitioner in 1876, a Davis Scholar of Chinese in 1879, and a B.A. in 1880.

Sir William joined the China Consular Service in 1880, and was appointed Acting Consul General in Korea from 1893-94, Consul at Ningpo, in 1899, Consul General in Yunnan, and afterwards in Kweichow, 1902-11. He was Consul General at Chengtu 1909, Mukden 1911-12 and at Hankow in 1912. He retired on pension in 1918, after 38 years' service.

The late Sir William Wilkinson published several works on China, the best known being, "The Korean Government," "The Chinese Origin of European Playing Cards," and "A Manual of Chinese Chess."—*Reuter.*

Cosima Wagner.

Bayreuth, Apr. 1.

Cosima Wagner, the wife of the composer Richard Wagner, has died at the age of ninety-three. Cosima Wagner was almost blind, and had been confined to her bed for the past three years.—*Reuter.*

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd April will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 17th April, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd April at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

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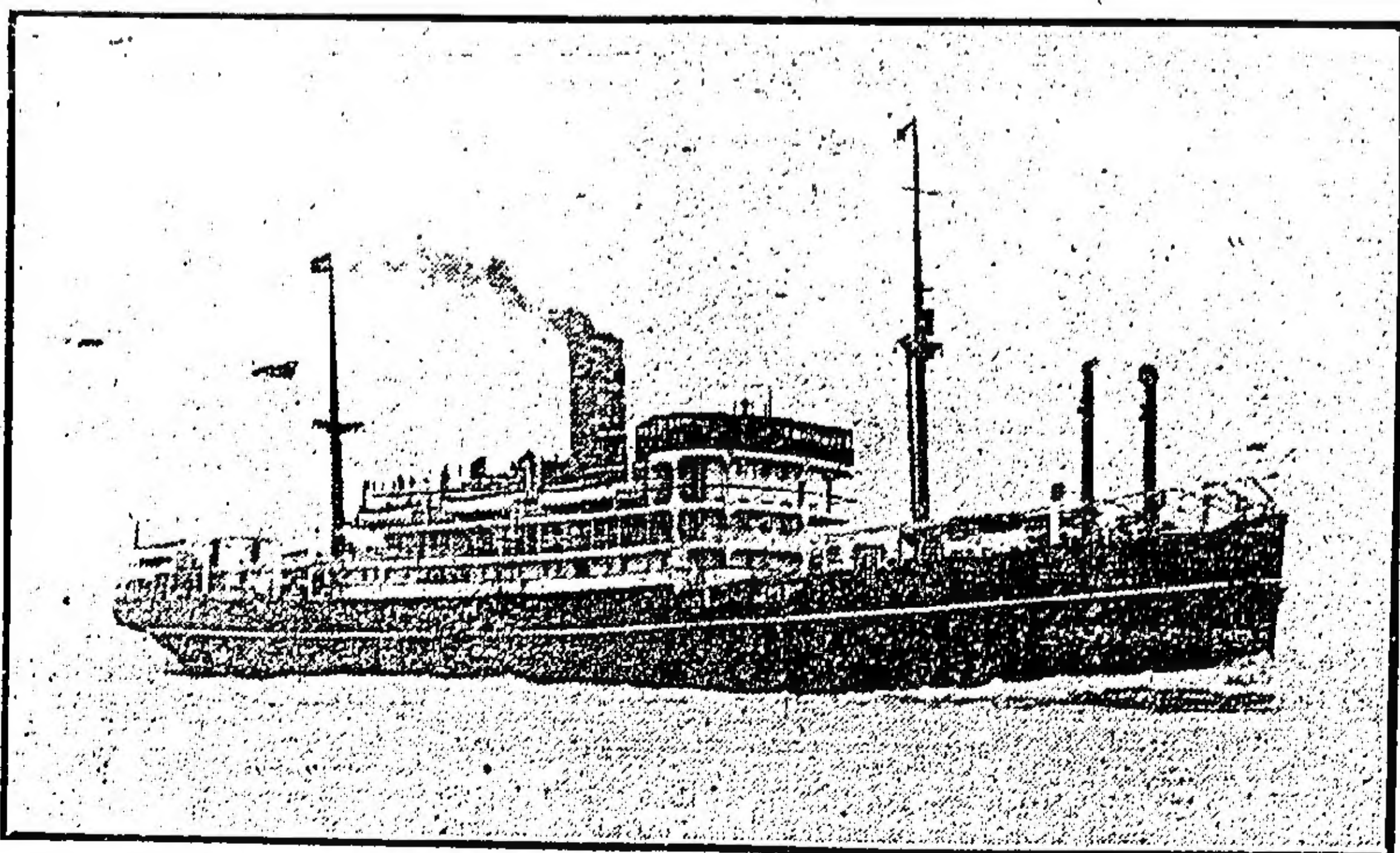
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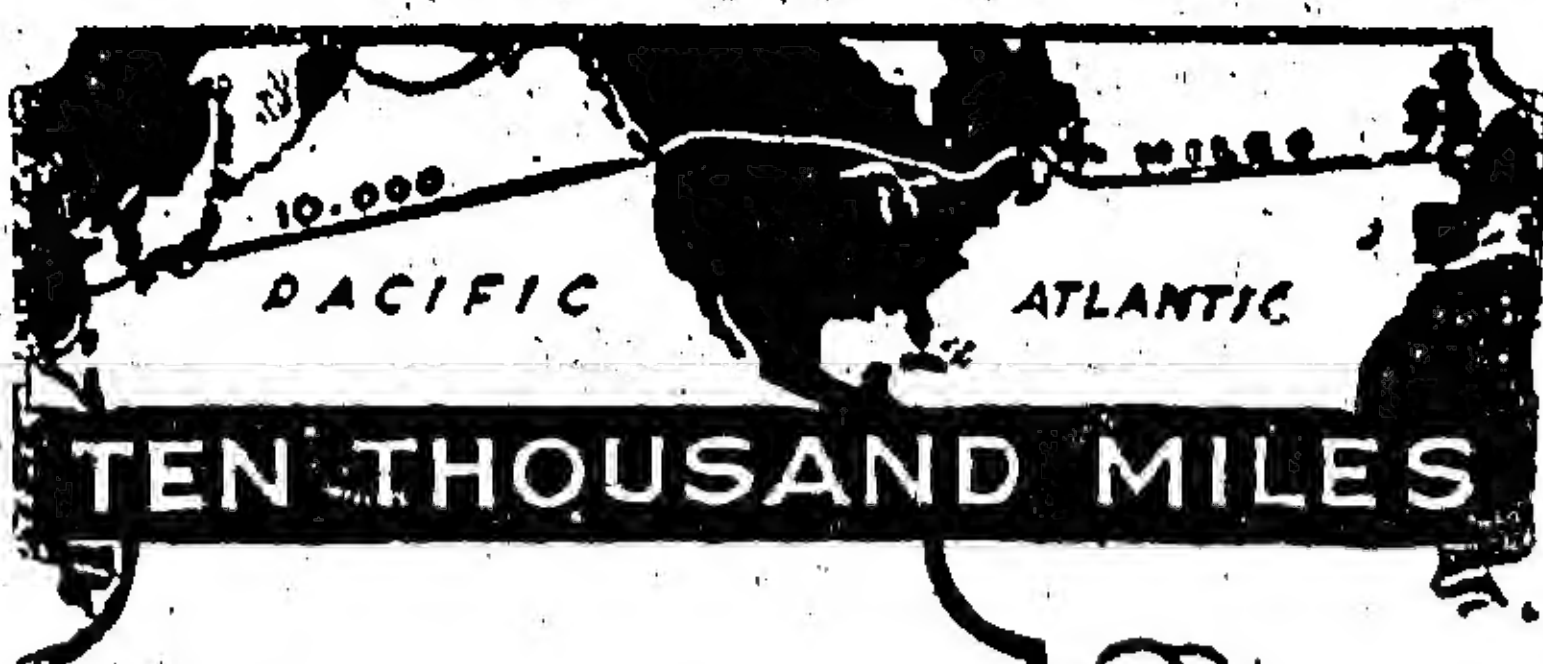
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## STRAITS J. P. AND OPIUM.

### REVENUE OFFICER'S DISCRETION.

Pointed questions as to rights of Revenue Officers in arresting persons in possession of opium were put to Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, by Mr. D. L. Strellett, at the continued proceedings against a Singapore Chinese, Mui Kwok-leung, stated to be a Justice of the Peace, who is charged with possession of a large quantity of illicit opium. The case is being heard by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate.

Yesterday's hearing opened with evidence by Mr. Lloyd, who said he would like, firstly, to deal with the duties and instructions of Revenue Officers in the search of baggage on the water front. The Revenue Officers had strict instructions regarding outward going baggage, to the effect that they were not to touch it unless they had definite information, or the very strongest suspicion. They well understood that regulation, and already severe punishment had been given for the non-observance of it. The R.O.'s had definite instructions that if a man was arrested on suspicion of smuggling, he must be brought into the office immediately and not allowed to communicate with anybody. He (witness) was unable to give any explanation as to why these two orders were disobeyed in this case.

Dealing with the arrest of defendant, Mr. Lloyd related the events which occurred in the office after his arrival.

Mr. Lloyd went on to deal with the various shipping labels found on the baggage, all of which were in the name of T. Y. Lum, which purported that he (Lum) travelled to Shanghai on July 12, per the s.s. Empress of Russia. The next trip was from Shanghai to Hongkong per President McKinley, by which he should have arrived here on November 18th, whereas there was a luncheon menu on board the boat dated November 15th.

Mr. Lindsell said that he could not infer that because a menu card was dated November 15th, that the man took a trip on that date. He might have made several trips. Other labels also found on the baggage, purported that the man Lum had travelled to Manila on the President Garfield in stateroom 144, whereas, said Mr. Lloyd, there was no such stateroom on the boat. Another label read that he travelled via the American Mail Line on board the President Cleveland from Singapore to Hongkong, whereas in fact, the Cleveland was not an American Mail Line boat and had never been to Singapore.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the labels were quite as consistent with the defendant's innocence as his guilt.

Mr. Lloyd said that it was evidence as to the existence or non-existence of the person T. Y. Lum. Mr. Lindsell said that it seemed to him that the labels were just as consistent with defendant's story as the prosecution's allegations. He might easily have put the labels on himself.

### Onus on Defence.

This concluded Mr. Lloyd's evidence. In cross-examination, Mr. Strellett asked the witness if he did not think the regulations and instructions to the Revenue Officers were rather old—had they been issued recently?

Mr. Lloyd replied that they had been insisted upon recently.

Mr. Strellett: You agree that the amendment of the Ordinance has made the position of the defendant more difficult?—I would like to put it the other way. From my point of view the position of the prosecution is slightly more easy.

Do you think the instructions to Revenue Officers require amendment and alteration in view of the position?—No.

You realise, Mr. Lloyd, that the amendment has thrust a very severe burden on the person in possession of opium. That is the object of the amendment is it not?—I can't say what the object of the amendment is. As a matter of fact I had nothing to do with this clause.

Mr. Lindsell:—You had nothing to do with this presumptuous clause.

Witness:—No. I think it came about after a case where a man received opium in Manila and it was seized here. He was prosecuted here and an official came up from Manila to give evidence of seizure, but the man was discharged because the Justice held that the man did not know what was inside the cases. That was before the Opium Commission came here. I can't possibly discuss what led up to the passing of the law, but I had no hand in the drafting of the clause.

### R. O's Responsibility.

Mr. Strellett:—I don't accuse you of that. I put it to you the seriousness of the responsibility of the Revenue Officer has been considerably increased, in that he must lose no opportunity of finding out whatever may have bearing on the position of the defendant who is in possession of opium?

Witness:—I should have thought it would have been just the opposite.

Mr. Lindsell:—I always thought it was the view of the law that the defence had to convince the court that they did not know they had possession of opium, and if they did that, they were discharged.

Witness:—That is the position now.

Mr. Lindsell:—I think that has been the position all along.

Mr. Strellett:—I want this from Mr. Lloyd quite clearly. I understood from you just now that you did not consider the Revenue Officers should be so careful as to finding out as to how the persons came into possession of opium as they had not got to prove that now?

Witness:—That is my view.

In other words the prosecution are not so responsible if they neglect to fix the trail of that opium to the person in possession of it, and that the burden is on him?—Yes, that is my view.

Do you realise that Revenue Officers are entitled to ignore the trail of opium so long as they can "fix" somebody in possession of it?—I did not say they were entitled to.

You say that the importance has been relaxed from your point of view?—It is just as important now to trace the source of opium as it has ever been.

### Some of the Opium.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out to Mr. Strellett that the witness was looking at it from two points of view. He was sure that it was as important as ever to trace the source of illicit opium found in the Colony, but to account for the defendant's possession of it was not so important.

Mr. Strellett:—Do you continue to lose no opportunity that may offer itself to trace the source of the opium?—I think I have already said that. It is as important now to trace the source of opium as it ever was.

I put it to you that it may be more important now?—That depends upon the case and the circumstances at the time.

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penda upon the case and the circumstances at the time.

You have heard the evidence of the present case all through, and you have heard that it was known at one time that the opium was not in the possession of the defendant?—Well that depends on what you mean by "possession".

Mr. Lindsell:—I think we might say that at some time it was divorced from the defendant's physical possession.

Mr. Strellett:—I would rather not have the word "divorce". Your Worship, as it implies previous marriage. (Laughter).

Mr. Lindsell:—Then we will say that that one time it was not in his physical possession.

### "Fixing" Possession.

Mr. Strellett (To Mr. Lloyd):—And also that it was not expected to be for some later time?

Witness:—No. The evidence was not that. The evidence showed that the opium was expected to come to the Empress Hotel and to go out of the Empress Hotel in possession of a man, although the witness had a rather vague idea as to who he was, and it required the informant to point him out to them.

And so you expected it to come from a place and from a man and to be brought in by a person. You must assume that Mr. Lloyd?—Well it would not fly in.

The other persons who brought it in did not know where they brought it from?—Oh no.

Knowing that much, do you think it is right that the other persons who brought that opium to the hotel were not traced at the time and "fixed"? Are there not precautions taken to see who brought the opium into the hotel?—No, I do not think that is so at all.

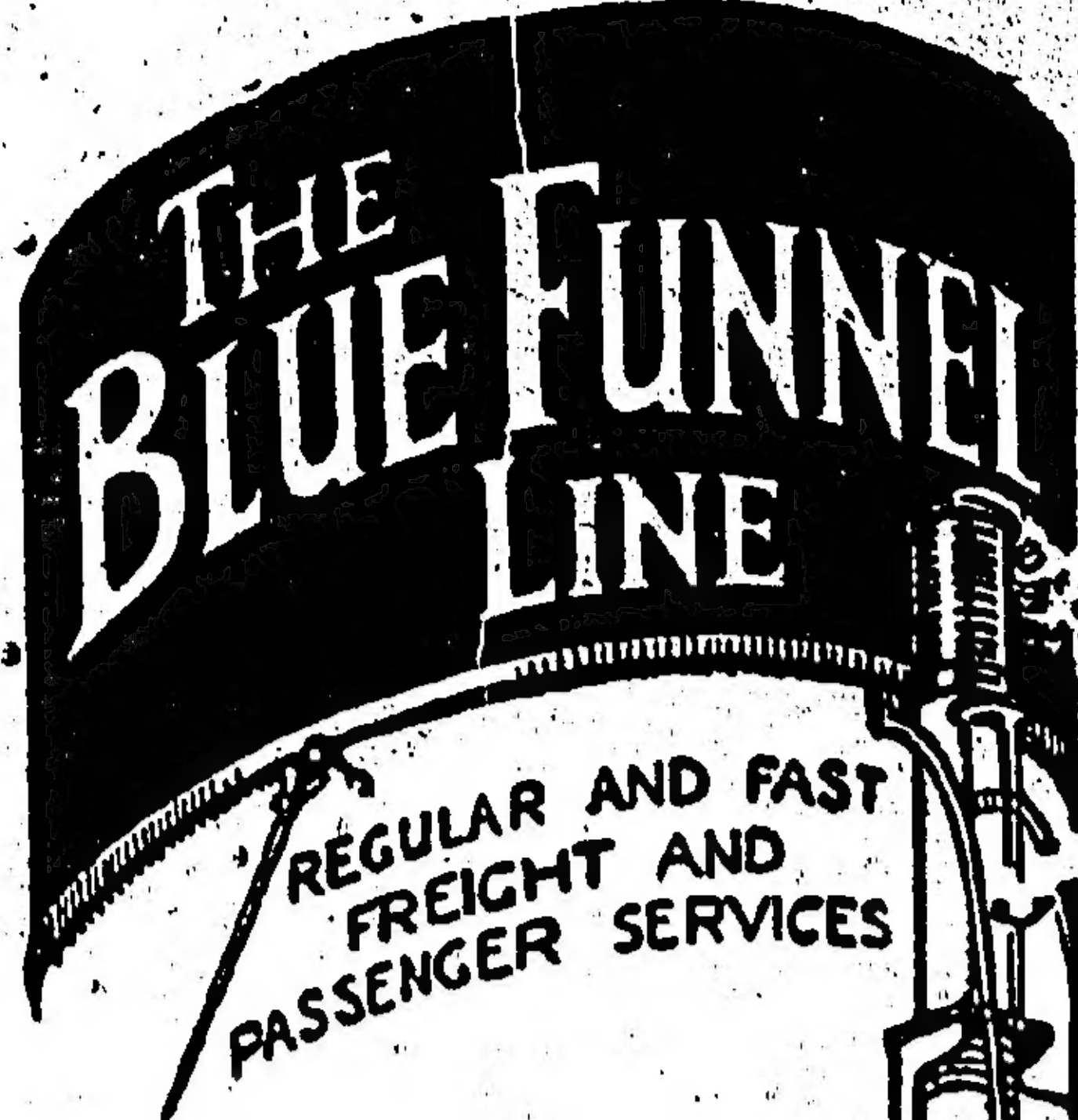
Do you not consider that the C.R.O. should take steps to intercept the opium before it goes to the hotel, and to catch the person taking it there?—No, the officer exercises his discretion.

Is it his discretion then to come to the "fix" a person with possession, where it is known to him that a whole series of people have successively been in possession?—Yes.

A Revenue Officer then who knows that a series of persons have successively been in possession of opium, has the discretion as to when he shall put in an appearance and make an arrest?—Yes, I expect him to get the principal.

Mr. Strellett:—Oh. You expect him to get the principal.

The hearing was then adjourned until Thursday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.



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### CHAPTER VIII.

"Hello! Dundee speaking . . . Connect me with Captain Strawn's home, please," the young detective said, in a low voice when Police Headquarters had answered. A minute or two later, after his chief's sleepy growl had come over the wire, Dundee recounted the discovery of Doris Matthews' murder in a few words as possible.

"Murder at Hillcrest!" Strawn interrupted early in the recital. "You didn't get bored with nothing to do, and kill the girl yourself, did you, Bonnie?"

But when the brief story was finished Captain Strawn was not in a jocular mood. He issued orders grimly: "Get back on the scene of the crime immediately, and don't let Crosby out of your sight till I arrive. You say the butler's with him now? Good! See that nothing's touched, and for God's sake, don't spread the alarm through the house. And say, lie low, Dundee! Don't give yourself away as a detective. As a guest in the house, forcibly detained there by the police, you may be a lot of help, just as you were in the Rhodes House murders."

Dundee grinned faintly as he "Yeasted" every order of his chief. "A lot of help" in the Rhodes House murders, indeed! He'd solved that case practically singlehanded, hadn't he? And Lieutenant Strawn had become Captain Strawn as a result! But what did credit and promotion matter? It was the game itself he loved.

As he obeyed his chief and returned directly to the summerhouse, Dundee realized, a little shamefacedly, that his horror over Doris's brutal murder was already giving way to the thrill of the chase to run down her murderer.

But tears for Doris had already begun to flow, Dundee discovered, as he neared the summerhouse. Wickett was dabbling at his eyes with a folded handkerchief, and Crosby wheeled, whipping out his own handkerchief from his retrieved dressing-gown, when he saw his fellow-guest approaching.

"The police will be here immediately," Dundee announced. "Captain Strawn in charge."

To his relief, the name meant nothing to the butler. Undoubtedly Wickett had come to Hillcrest and the Berkeleys since the middle of July; otherwise, if Wickett took any interest in crime news at all, he must have seen Strawn's name daily in connexion with the murders at the Rhodes House. Then Dundee remembered one of Mrs. Rhodes's quotations from the society page, in which August was mentioned as the date Mrs. Berkeley and Clorinda had returned from Europe. Probably the house had been closed for the summer; with luck, not even Dick Berkeley would remember that he—Dundee—had been "mixed up" in another sensational murder case.

But Wickett was speaking, tremulously: "Mr. Crosby and I have been talking about the poor girl in there, sir. You saw her for a moment last night yourself, sir. I'm sure you will agree with us that she was a—little darling, sir."

The expression fell strangely from the usually austere lips of the butler, and Dundee was touched to the heart. Here was sincere grief.

"Yes, she was a very beautiful girl," Dundee answered huskily. "You knew her, too, Mr. Crosby? I believe I heard you talking about her with Mrs. Lambert last night."

Seymour Crosby pocketed his handkerchief, but his sombre brown eyes glistened with fresh tears as he answered unsteadily: "Yes, I knew her very well indeed. She was my—wife's maid for several years. Phyllis—Mrs. Crosby—was extremely fond of little Doris, and so was I. But—if you'll forgive me, Mr. Dundee—I don't believe I can talk about her—yet." And he turned sharply away, to stare at the placid, silvery surface of the lake which had, been Doris's very temporary grave.

"I understand," Dundee answered sympathetically, in the character of fellow-guest.

"Pardon me, sir," Wickett spoke. "I see a special delivery boy coming up the driveway. Perhaps I'd better go and sign for the letter, sir."

"I'll go," Dundee interrupted. "I'm expecting a special delivery letter myself."

Luckily, he reached the back door before the boy had dismounted from his bicycle. As he had expected, the long, thick envelope was addressed to himself. He signed the slip, and was eagerly scanning the first of the newspaper clippings which the envelope contained before the boy was well away.

"These must be from the newspaper morgue," Dundee decided. "I'll have to be careful of them. Much better than the resume I asked for. Good old Strawn!"

No time to read them now, although he was keen to refresh his memory of the briefly sensational "Crosby case." Strawn and his men might arrive any minute, and his chief must not catch him disobeying orders. He thrust the envelope into the pocket of his dressing-gown, wished heartily for trousers, and walked slowly back to the summerhouse. If only he could get to work, make a thorough search of the summerhouse and the lake's edge for clues! But of course Strawn was right. As a guest in the Berkeley home, his profession unsuspected, he could be of infinite value to the police. He did manage, however, without being noticed by Crosby and the butler, who were talking together, to retrieve the crystal stopper, picking it up with his handkerchief, in which he wrapped it carefully before putting it into the pocket of his dressing-gown.

It was dreary waiting, with that still, wet body on the bench, and the odour of the perfume pouring over them, with every gust of the now brisk south wind. But at last the ordeal was ended. Three cars, with the initials "P. D." on their doors, swept up the driveway and curved round the house to the east. Climbing out of the first car, Captain Strawn apparently gave orders to his police retinue to sit tight and await further orders for he was alone as he strode across the clipped green lawn.

"Well, the law is upon us and I imagine I am in for the first grilling," Dundee said to Crosby, and with a well-assumed air of resignation, went to meet his chief. "Well, boy, what's the lay?"

Briefly, but omitting no essential detail, Dundee told of seeing Clorinda Berkeley steal out of the house the night before; of Dick Berkeley's proposed rendezvous with the murdered girl, and of Dick's absence from his room throughout the night.

"Hm!" Strawn considered, frowning. "Wonder if those two facts are connected? Suppose Clorinda knew, in some way, of the affair between her brother and the maid, had the same bright idea you did of preventing another meeting and a possibly messy scandal on the eve of her marriage to the society swell, sneaked out to argue with the girl and killed her during the quarrel that followed—her brother being present and then beating it in a panic?"

"Perhaps," Dundee conceded respectfully, "but—how did the flask of perfume get mixed up in it? Clorinda wasn't carrying it. I'm sure of that. Not in her hands, at least, for she had nothing in them but the scarf with which Doris's skirts were bound. And she was wearing one of those light, floating capes which don't have capacious pockets, I believe. Although the light was dim, I had a pretty clear picture of her as she descended the stairs and I could swear the cape wasn't weighted down at all—floated about her, in fact."

"Maybe the maid, Doris, had stolen the perfume," Strawn offered.

"I heard Mrs. Berkeley say last night that Doris hated perfume, that it gave her a sick headache to smell it," Dundee objected. "And although the stuff was expensive—worth \$32 an ounce, according to Mrs. Berkeley—and the crystal flask was valuable in itself, I can't somehow see Doris as a petty thief. Also, why should she take it with her on a rendezvous with her mistress' son?"

"By me!" Strawn shrugged. "But you yourself say she was killed with the perfume flask, or at least stunned with a blow which broke the flask before she was dumped into the lake. It'll be up to the coroner to determine the cause of death, and I suppose he'd better get busy as soon as he arrives. . . . Now, one other thing. Young Berkeley hasn't returned, I suppose?"

"Not that I know of. He wasn't in his room, as I told you, when I went in to arouse him for the swimming party. I haven't been up since the murder was discovered."



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You told me to stay on the scene of the crime."

"Right!" Strawn agreed. "But now at the risk of Crosby's thinking you are too thick with the police, I want you to go and have another look in his room. Take care not to spread the alarm; however, and if young Berkeley's there, have him come to the summerhouse immediately. . . . By the way, whose idea was the swimming party, anyway?"

"Georgina Berkeley's," Dundee answered curtly. "They call her Gigg. She's only a kid—15."

"Then I suppose that—lets her out," Strawn conceded. "She'd hardly invite a party down to see what she'd done, then obligingly discover the body herself. Unless there's something in that old saying about a criminal returning to the scene of the crime. . . . Hey, boy! Keep your shirt on! I'm not accusing anyone—yet! But in a case like this you've got to think of everything. Now get along with you!"

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The tennis varied considerably, rallies, punctuated with exceedingly clever play, being succeeded by periods of rather dull and uninteresting exchanges. Fincher's ability to force the issue proved one of his chief assets, and only in the third set was Ho allowed to settle down to anything like his normal game. Fincher, who can produce one of the best chop strokes in the Colony, employed this with telling effect and kept his opponent constantly on the move through his accurate placing.

Ho Ka-lau was not so impressive as when he defeated Ng Sze-kwong in the previous round, and Fincher had an easier task than was at first indicated.

What promises to be the finest match of the tournament will be played this afternoon, when C. A. L. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn meet on the Stand Court to decide right of entry into the semi-final. The winner will qualify to meet Honda for the final. S. A. Rumjahn will probably start favourite on account of his record in the Colony, but "C.A.L." has given several impressive displays in the current tournament, and will not lack supporters. His chief asset is a greater variety of strokes, but he has to meet one of the steadiest players in the Colony, and the result will probably be left to the fifth set.

M. W. Lo and Ng Sze-cheung will meet for the third time in an endeavour to come to a decision in their fourth round tie, in which they now stand at two sets all.

The full scores of yesterday's matches were:

Open Singles.—E. C. Fincher beat Ho Ka-lau, 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.  
Handicap Singles "A".—H. Owen Hughes (own 4/5) beat E. R. Price (rec. 2/5), 6-3, 6-1.  
Handicap Singles "B".—Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15) beat M. D. Scott (scr.), 8-0, 6-1.  
Handicap Doubles.—Very Rev. Dean Alfred Swann and L. Forster (own 3/5) beat H. Graves and C. G. Johnston (rec. 4/5), 6-1, 6-1.  
The match between E. and D. S. Green against E. J. R. Mitchell and C. E. R. Divett was stopped after the score had reached one set all and 8-8.

**TO-DAY'S GAMES.**

Open Singles (fourth round).—C. A. L. Rumjahn v. S. A. Rumjahn; (third round), M. W. Lo v. Ng Sze-cheung.

Handicap Singles "A".—P. W. J. Planner (rec. 5/5) v. Dr. L. T. Rido (own 1/5); I. S. Harris (rec. 2/5) v. Very Rev. Dean Swann (rec. 2/5).

Handicap Singles "B".—C. de Bruyn (rec. 4/5) v. H. Graves (rec. 4/5).

**OUTRAGES BY COMMUNISTS.**

**"RED" BANDITS IN KIANGSI ACTIVE.**

Peking, Apr. 1.

The bandit and Communist menace in Kiangsi is continually growing worse. Ten thousand "Red" troops under Chu Teh and Mao Tse-tung control many parts of the north and west of the province as well as the entire river from Kian-fu to Kanchow, committing terrible atrocities and depredations, and destroying Government buildings and missionary and other foreign property.

Anti-foreign feeling is worse than at any time since 1927.

The "Reds" attack undefended points, and when Government troops are sent against them they dash to other districts.

Atrocities at Yuanchow.

In a recent attack on Yuanchow the Communists seized the city on March 28 and evacuated it on March 29.

The city magistrate was killed in oil, and other prominent persons were brutally murdered, including the principal of the leading high school and the chief pastor of the China Inland Mission.

Many shopkeepers and others were tortured and forced to contribute \$60,000 to the "Reds."

Six foreigners were bound and made prisoners during the occupation. Three were carried off, while Mr. R. H. Glazier and his wife (Americans) and Miss Rugg (British) escaped.

The Government troops at Nanchang recently were only a thousand in number, and half of them are now distributed along the railway, hence the capital is very weakly held and is liable to fall into the hands of the "Reds."

Missionary families are leaving Nanchang.

Bandits are also very active on the upper Yangtze. Many towns in the vicinity of Shasi have been looted, with the usual atrocities.

Standard Oil agents in that district were captured but subsequently released.

There is increased banditry in all the outlying districts around Hankow.—Reuter.

**GARRISON NEWS.**

**SOMERSET'S ATHLETIC MEETING.**

The individual events section of the annual athletic sports of the Somersets took place yesterday. Heats were run off on Monday, as well as one or two of the field events. The fine weather attracted a large number of spectators, who took a keen interest in each event, and there was keen rivalry for the Commanding Officer's Cup, for which 3 points were scored by a win, 2 for second place in any event, and one point for a third place. The fact that the winner and the runner-up dead-heated in the hurdles, and that there was only one point to separate them, will show how close was their personal emulation of each other.

The Referee was Major O. G. B. Philby, and Track Judges were Captains C. W. P. Ludlow and R. C. Strachey, M.C. Lieut. R. W. Stephens and 2/Lt. H. St. B. Philpott. Field Judges were Captain B. J. Corballis, M.C. Lieut. L. H. Bradshaw, and 2/Lt. H. A. M. Starters were Captain R. H. Bakewell and Lieut. L. N. Evans. Timekeepers being C. S. M. H. Leigh and C. Q. M. S. Spurdle, the Recorder being 2/Lt. C. S. Howard and L/Sgt. Fortnum. R.S.M. E. J. O'Hare, D.O.M., acted as Chief Whip, the Hon. Secretary of the Sports being Lt. J. R. I. Platt.

The Field Events run off on Monday included the Cricket-Ball Throwing, where Pte. Denmead was first with 54 yards, the High Jump, in which L/Cpl. Lovell cleared 5 ft. 1 3/4 ins., the Three Miles, where Bugler White had the good time, over bad country, of 18 mins. 7 secs. Yesterday's events commenced with the Final of the Half-Mile, Pte. Parris coming in first in 2 mins. 7 2/5 secs., just in front of 2/Lt. Cave and Pte. MacKenzie.

Other events are best tabulated as follows:

Boys Race.—Bugler Bertram 1 (55 2/5 secs.), Boy Lambert 2, Boy Cotter 3.

Final, 220 Yards.—Pte. Butcher 1 (23 4/5 secs.), L/Cpl. Neil 2, L/Cpl. Rendall 3.

Putting the Shot.—L/Cpl. Perkins 1 (33 ft. 2 ins.), Pte. Naylor 2, L/Cpl. Rosseter 3.

Final, 120 Yards Hurdles.—L/Cpl. Neil and L/Cpl. Rendall tied for first place in 18 2/5 secs., with Pte. Pothecary third. Neil led from the start, but Rendall caught him at the seventh hurdle.

Quarter-Mile, Final.—Pte. MacKenzie 1 (55 4/5 sec.), L/Cpl. Chapman 2, L/Cpl. Rendall 3.

1/2 Mile.—Pte. Thomas 1 (18 ft. 0 1/2 ins.), Pte. Keane 2 (18 ft. 0 1/4 ins.), L/Cpl. Rendall 3.

Young Soldiers' Race (1/4 Mile).—Pte. Willis 1, Pte. Wilson 2, Pte. Willis 3.

100 Yards, Final.—Pte. Butcher 1 (10 4/5 secs.), Pte. Neil 2, L/Cpl. Rendall 3.

One Mile, Final.—Pte. Childs 1 (4 mins. 54 1/5 secs.), Pte. Baulch 2, 2/Lt. Cave 3.

The winner of the Commanding Officer's Cup was L/Cpl. Rendall, with 8 1/2 points, the runner-up being L/Cpl. Neil with 7 1/2 points. Two competitors who tied for third place were Pte. Butcher and Bugler White, both obtaining six points.

From a regimental standpoint, more interest will be taken in the inter-company events, which are to be run off next Monday afternoon. Keener spirit is displayed in these competitions than in the individual events, as the teamwork necessarily fosters esprit de corps to a greater extent, and is the basis of so much military training. Such enhancement of this spirit is all the more to be welcomed even in sporting circles, and the inter-company competition brings out the best in men. It is certain that some of the times and distances of yesterday's events will be beaten on Monday.

**GOLF COMPETITION.**

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**LOCAL CRICKET.**

The undermentioned will represent Taikoo in the match against Wayfoong at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday on C.R.C. ground.—W. R. Greenhalgh, J. R. Hinton, E. Jones, T. S. Marshall, C. C. Roberts, I. A. Ross, H. Spicer, W. F. K. Telfer, G. Walsh, E. A. Walter and A. L. Whipp.

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INITIATIVE.

## RELIEF MEASURES.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements referring to suggested measures for the relief of the rubber industry is causing much discussion in Kuala Lumpur. The letter suggests the waiving or reducing of export duties and the quit rent on rubber lands during the present slump until such time as the price of rubber shall have improved to an economic figure, and also that the levy export tax in kind on a sliding scale based on the price of rubber be placed at the Government's disposal for new uses or other purpose.

It is understood that H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi has given serious consideration to the position of the rubber industry since his arrival in Malaya and also to questions of whether remedial measures are possible.

The Colonial Secretary's letter is therefore construed as a sign that the governmental attitude towards the troubles of the industry may have undergone a change, but at the same time it has been read with some bewilderment.

Surprise is expressed that the Straits Government should have taken the initiative, since the "waiving or reducing of export duties" is a matter which affects only the Federated and Unfederated Malay States.

How seriously it affects them may be seen by reference to the statistics for the year 1928, when the F.M.S. Government collected \$3,710,604 from the duty on rubber exports and \$6,639,898 by way of land rents and sales. The duty imposed in the Unfederated States is identical with that imposed in the F.M.S., and it is an important source of revenue in all the States.

## Would Welcome Relief.

What is generally assumed is that Sir Cecil Clementi is desirous of discovering whether the rubber industry wants the appointment of a committee to consider ways and means of assisting it, and that planting and mercantile opinion has been consulted before more definite steps are taken with the Governments concerned.

The letter certainly does seem to indicate a significant change in Malayan policy, as the attitude hitherto taken up has been one of determined refusal to interfere with the free operation of the industry or to repeat the action taken under the Stevenson Scheme and set up governmental machinery to assist the industry.

The levy of an export tax in kind, which is suggested in the Colonial Secretary's letter, would presumably involve the creation of machinery to collect and deal with the rubber so obtained.

## "Object to Being Exploited."

Discussing the subject with the Straits Times representative, Mr. E. N. T. Cummins, the chairman of the Planters' Association of Malaya, said that the industry would unquestionably welcome relief in some form or another. It was hoped that the May stoppage would improve prices, and, beyond that, the F.M.S. Government could find a ready means of assisting the industry by heeding the protest, made in the last meeting of the Federal Council, against the new scale of rubber duties.

"We do not object to proper taxation," said Mr. Cummins, "but we do object to being exploited, and we consider that the additional revenue, if it is wanted, should be raised in other ways." Mr. Cummins declared that present prices were unquestionably not giving a fair return to producers. "Sevenpence is no good to us," he said, "because at that price most estates cannot put anything to reserve and maintain cultivation at the proper standard and still continue to pay."

## Reform Favoured.

He personally was opposed to any other scheme being considered until the month of May was over, Mr. Cummins added, but once the May tapping stoppage had been carried through with success, he thought it was very probable that the Sunday holiday would be considered and that it would meet with a generally favourable reception.

Looking still farther ahead, Mr. Cummins suggested that if governmental policy became more favourable towards assistance for the industry, he thought that a cess on exports, to form a fund for the taking of surplus rubber off the market, could be collected by Government with no additional customs machinery and would be a practicable and effective measure.

SON WHO FAILED TO  
MAKE GOOD.ROBBED FATHER AND THREW  
UP CAREER.

## TRAINED IN FLYING.

Accusations by a father against his son, that he had been lazy at school, that he had thrown aside a profession and that for the last eleven years had been stealing goods and money from his house, were made at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Tong Fat, aged 24, the son of Tong Fat-chun, a merchant living on the ground floor of 2 Flydragon Terrace, Taitan, was charged with stealing 21 pieces of clothing from his father's house.

The defendant denied the allegations and accused his father of neglecting him and of not giving him a fair chance in life by taking him away from his studies at an early age and putting him to a profession to which he was not suited and disliked.

The case, as outlined by the police, was that the defendant, who was well-educated, went to his father's house when there were only two or three servants there. He broke open several boxes but found nothing. He then obtained a chopper and forced open a cupboard and stole twenty-one pieces of clothing. The police were notified and arrived in time to prevent the defendant taking the goods away.

The father also alleged that it was not the first time that the lad had been found stealing from the house, but he had not taken any previous action.

## Sent to Learn Flying.

In a statement to the Bench, the father said that he had given the defendant every chance to make a position for himself. His son was a lazy boy at school and at the age of 13 or 14 regularly stole articles from the house. He would not study, so at the age of 16 he thought it would be best if he took him away from school. He sent him up to Canton to a relative to learn aviation, but the boy only stuck it for five months and then gave it up. He fitted himself out with a full aviator's suit and walked about the streets of Canton showing off. Witness brought him back to Hongkong again and sent him to school, but the defendant then complained about the teachers. He was then sent to Tientsin where he was also a failure in his studies. He gave him up after that and turned him out of the house. The last time he saw accused was last year when he went up to Tientsin. He returned to Hongkong on February 19 this year. During witness's absence, the defendant forced his wardrobe and stole \$600, and since then he had visited the house three times and his office twice.

## Had Nothing to Eat.

Mr. Lindsell:—I take it you regard him as a hopeless case?

To the defendant, the Magistrate said: "This is a nice character your father's given you."

Defendant:—"I ranked high in class at school."

Denying the father's accusations, the accused said "My father has never given me a chance to make a position for myself in life. He drew me away from school at the age of 16 and made me learn aviation, which I was not interested in. Had he allowed me to study until I was 21, I should have been able to get a job and support myself. As it is I have no means of support. I stole these things because I was hungry and had nothing to eat."

Later defendant, in a vehement statement said "I swear I have never been lazy at school. In St. Paul's College and at Tientsin I have never been lower than seventh boy, and in studying Chinese I was never lower than third boy."

The Magistrate imposed a sentence of three months hard labour.

ESCAPED SEVERAL  
CHARGES.POLICE CONSIDERATION FOR  
A CYCLIST.

In prosecuting a young Chinese at Kowloon this morning on a charge of riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road, Sub-inspector Chester Woods remarked that the defendant had three empty kerosene tins strapped on the back of the machine and one on each side of the handlebars. He collided with a ricksha and could have been charged with failing to have full control and also with negligent riding. The Police, however, had only preferred one charge.

Defendant was fined \$10.

TYPHOON AN ACT  
OF GOD?ARGUMENT RELATING TO  
DAMAGED PIER.

## GOVERNMENT CLAIM.

The question of negligence arising out of alleged failure to remove logs of wood from close proximity to a new Government Pier at Tonnachy Road, Praya Reclamation, before the typhoon of August 22, 1929, was discussed in the Summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). The case was one in which the Hon. Attorney General sued the On Cheung Timber Company and Ho Kai-chik, the proprietor, for \$650, for damage sustained to the pier allegedly by logs of wood belonging to defendant which were improperly secured and, to use his Lordship's expression "acted like battering rams on the pier."

Mr. L. R. Andrews was for the Crown and Mr. F. C. E. Rendall defended.

Mr. Rendall said the case was based both on law and on fact and before the legal aspect was taken his Lordship would have to look at the evidence. There was no evidence to show that the pier was damaged by the logs.

His Lordship said he must hold it as common ground that there were at least six logs and he would further hold that the damage was done by the logs, but it had to be proved that the logs were negligently placed near the pier.

## Defendant's Duty.

In the course of quoting authorities, Mr. Rendall agreed that there was a duty on defendant, because a man was under a duty to use his neighbours' property in the same way as he would use his own. His logs were in close proximity to a Government pier and it was up to him to take care that no damage was caused to it by his negligence.

Another point laid down in the authorities was that for a case to succeed, defendant must be proved to have been negligent. Mr. Rendall quoted other authorities with regard to damage done by animate and inanimate objects.

He continued that in the present case, evidence had been given by defendant that he tied the logs up to a ring-bolt in the Praya wall. The logs were left floating in the water owing to the fact that the pulley-block broke down, and his work of trying to get them on land was necessarily stopped. When he started the work again on the following morning (the day of the typhoon) he found wind and waves were against him and prevented him from getting the logs ashore. With iron rope and wire staples he bound the logs together and tied them to the Praya wall.

Then the wind increased, and it was known that the typhoon blew at over 100 miles an hour. He would say that as in one case he had cited, where a ridden horse became restive, went on to the pavement and killed a man in spite of the rider's efforts to control it, when it was held that the man was carried on to the pavement against his will and was not responsible for the consequences, so the logs in the present case were carried away by the force of the wind.

## Proper Care.

Mr. Rendall submitted that defendant exercised proper care under the circumstances by tying

TRIED TO ESCAPE  
ARREST.MAN JUMPS IN SEA BUT  
IS CAUGHT.

That boarding a sampan and stealing clothing was tantamount to breaking into a house was a comment made by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese pleaded guilty to attempting to steal a bundle of clothes from a boat in the Yaumati typhoon shelter.

Inspector Marks said the complainant, who was sleeping on board the sampan, was aroused by a noise, and on awakening saw the defendant collecting a bundle of clothing. When the alarm was raised the man jumped into the water but he was arrested by a constable as he stepped ashore. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

the logs up, as he could not land them.

After some argument between his Lordship and Mr. Rendall, on various points, his Lordship said in the normal way defendant was justified in taking the logs there, but the question was whether he was justified in doing so at the time in question. Admittedly typhoon signals were sometimes given and no typhoon materialised. A man might get away with it nine times out of ten.

Mr. Rendall replied that there was shipping in the harbour and the ferries were running until eleven o'clock. "I can remember it very well because it was my first typhoon and I went to watch," added Mr. Rendall.

In the course of further argument, his Lordship said he could not find that defendant was to blame after nine o'clock on the morning of the typhoon, but the question was whether or not he was negligent in not doing something before, as a typhoon signal was hoisted on the previous day when he took delivery of the logs and his foreman received verbal warning from a P.W.D. foreman on that day.

## "Act of God."

Mr. Andrews, as his first point, stated that defendant received a general typhoon warning by signals on the day before the typhoon which he must be presumed to have known, and he also received, on the same day, a special warning from a P.W.D. foreman. He said he thought the real crux of the case was that defendant acted, too late, he should have acted sooner. With regard to the point of a typhoon being an "Act of God," he would say that the evidence excluded it. One of the points relied on by the Crown was defendant's inaction between midnight on August 21 until nine o'clock on the morning of August 22. He would further say that defendant kept a dangerous object and kept it at his peril.

His Lordship remarked that the whole crux of the matter was that the logs were not removed in time. Mr. Andrews went on to say he had shown that the logs were improperly secured immediately prior to the typhoon. Further, defendant's foreman agreed, in cross-examination, that it would have been easier to have acted sooner, which, Mr. Andrews submitted, was an admission of negligence, because it meant that defendant chose to take the risk. His Lordship reserved judgment.

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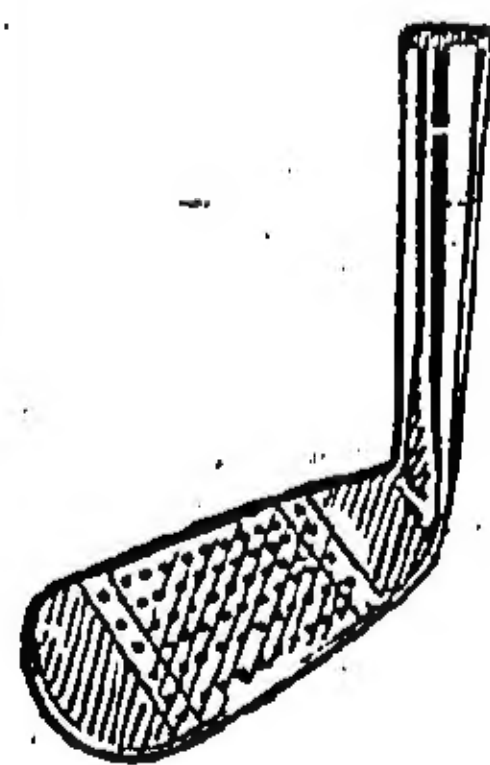
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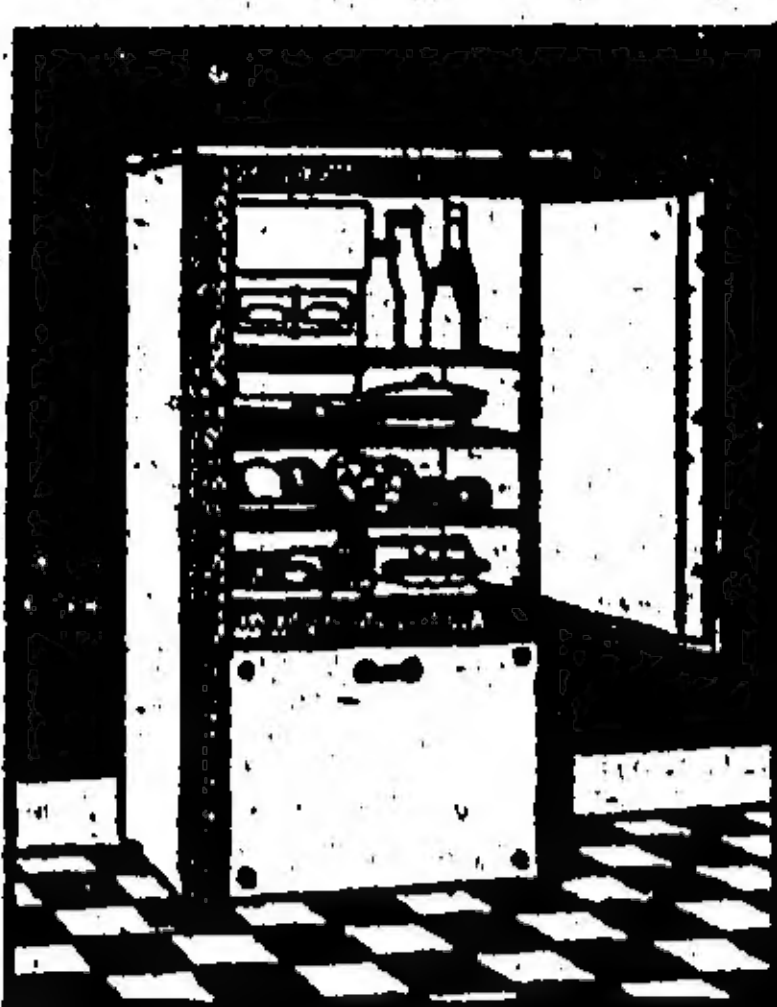
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#### FIRE ESCAPES.

For more years than we care to remember, usually following serious outbreaks of fire in the Colony, severe strictures have been periodically passed regarding the lack of adequate means of escape for people trapped in burning buildings. We are therefore, not surprised that the jury which investigated the recent tragic occurrence at Smithfield should call attention to obvious necessities in this particular respect. The fact that, in this fire, lives were lost solely because there was no ready means of escape, is one which should result in a decided strengthening of the present law. A glance through the Ordinances of the Colony is sufficient to show the utter inadequacy of existing provisions. The Building Authority and the Fire Brigade do their best in the circumstances, but both are gravely handicapped by reason of the lack of compulsory powers.

Reading through the evidence given at the enquiry into the Smithfield disaster, it becomes painfully clear that, even if all the means of escape shown on the plans had been provided and properly maintained, the danger to human life would persist. Trap doors and ladders, with a solitary wooden staircase, are obviously far from satisfactory. It is true that the Building Authority can refuse to pass plans unless they provide such means of escape as may be reasonably required, but we suggest that not only does this leave the position in a somewhat nebulous state, but, what is more, that it throws too much responsibility and discretionary power on the Building Authority. The jury did well in the case under notice to urge the provision of concrete staircases in place of the customary wooden structures. It would appear that there is a growing tendency to follow this course, which is all to the good. But we suggest that the time has come when it should not be left to owners to decide the type of material. The law at present is silent on this point, the only reference to staircases being in regard to the width of tread and the rise of the stairs. These are important points, admittedly, but they are quite subsidiary to that of the material to be used.

The best, and the only satisfactory, method of dealing with this question is for the law to be amplified. This can be done in

regard to staircases by laying it down that in all new tenement houses, and in all blocks of flats, too, for that matter, the staircases should be of concrete, suitably enclosed in inflammable material. It would be useless, for example, to have concrete stairs but wooden partitions: the whole thing should be fire-proof. If the law were so amended, the Building Authority's position would be absolutely clear: he would merely have to see that the plans were in accord with the Ordinance; if not, he would naturally reject them. There are other necessities also, beyond concrete staircases. One point was mentioned by the jury yesterday, namely, the installation of fire-extinguishers in joss-paper and fire-cracker shops. What is needed is for the Fire Brigade and P.W.D. to get together, devise such additional precautions as are necessary, and then get the law amended accordingly. There is no mystery about this business: all that is needed is the application of a little ordinary common-sense. Let us hope that the requisite steps will be taken without further delay.

#### Dangers of the Praya.

The fact that five people had a narrow escape from drowning when the taxi in which they were riding plunged over the Praya into the sea serves as a further reminder that the sea wall is entirely unprotected. The latest occurrence is perhaps the most serious of a long list of similar mishaps and it would appear that the time has now arrived, in view of the rapid growth of traffic, to consider whether some form of protection on the sea front is not only desirable but necessary. The danger is particularly grave at those points where vehicles sweep on to the Praya from side streets. Some of the accidents reported in recent years have undoubtedly been due to the carelessness of the drivers, but the fact remains that members of the public are entitled to the fullest protection when travelling in any public vehicle on the Colony's roads. At the present time, sudden and unavoidable skids, or a moment's carelessness on the part of a driver, may result in a car going over the Praya wall with far more serious consequences than in the accident which occurred yesterday morning. A low, but substantially built concrete wall, running along the whole length of the Praya would serve to prevent mishaps of this kind. Similar protection has been afforded on various roads in the Colony where there has been the danger of a motor car plunging down the hillside and there would seem to be no reason why this practice should not be adopted on the Praya. It is appraised that junks and other craft discharge cargo on the Praya but a concrete wall, low and yet sufficient to give protection, would hardly hinder this work and would undoubtedly give the public a safeguard which has been definitely shown to be necessary. The cost of protection on these lines would not be considerable and necessary outlets could be provided to allow storm water to flow into the harbour. When five people have had a very narrow escape owing to the open nature of the seawall, it is essential that steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence of such serious accidents.

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THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF TRUE LIBERTY IS, THAT UNDER ITS SHELTER MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF LIFE AND CHARACTER, AND OPINIONS AND BELIEF CAN DEVELOP UNMOLDED AND UNOBSTRUCTED.—*Lecky.*

Two Chinese cases of small-pox were notified in the Colony yesterday.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Singapore, is due here at 5 p.m. on the 8th instant.

The Ben Line s.s. Benmacduh, from Home ports via Straits and Manila, is due here on the 11th instant.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during March totalled 7.15 inches, this being spread over eleven days.

Arriving from Calcutta and Singapore, the s.s. Shirala reports that a Chinese deck passenger died during the voyage of beri beri on March 30.

It is expected that H.M.S. Medway and H.M. submarines Oswald, Otus and Osiris will arrive in Hongkong from the United Kingdom during the month of July.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Tenyo Maru to-day were the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Belth, Col. Mrs. and the Misses Hayley Bell, Mr. G. F. Komor and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keates.

The junk which collided with the s.s. Kwongsi on Monday night is partly submerged and is now lying 300 yards off Long Kau Tang. She is considered to be a danger to navigation.

A charge of larceny of a quantity of clothing which had been "fished" from a house in Kowloon City, was brought against a Chinese who was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

On a charge of theft of two bottles of milk from a bucket which had been left by a Dairy Farm delivery coolie in Saigon Road, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour.

The body of an unknown Chinese, aged about 35 years, was found lying in Connaught Road at about 7 a.m. to-day. Marks of strangulation, apparently caused by a rope were found on the neck, but it has not yet been definitely established how the man met his death.

Convicted of a charge of pocket-picking, a Chinese who had a previous conviction for a similar offence was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment in 1927.

A summons for assault taken out by Mrs. L. Santos, of Chi Wo Street, against Mr. F. Britto, of Tung Hing Road, was mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Mr. F. C. E. Rendall was for the defendant. The hearing was fixed for the afternoon of Thursday 10.

On Sunday, April 6th, the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, hopes to resume his ministry at the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai. Mr. Anstey wishes to express his sincere thanks to the many friends who made kind enquiries during his illness, and especially to those who have carried on his work during his enforced absence.

Cruelty to four chickens by carrying them in a crate which was too small for the purpose was alleged against a Chinese woman, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. A fine of \$5 was imposed. The defendant was stated to have brought the chickens from Chinese territory.

The weekly health return of the Medical Officer made up to Saturday last, contained five cases of small-pox, four of typhoid and one of diphtheria. There were four deaths from small-pox and one from typhoid. Of non-notifiable diseases there were 73 deaths from tuberculosis, one from malaria and two from influenza. Yesterday's return contained five further cases of small-pox.

#### STERN WARNING ON FIRE DANGER.

##### KEROSENE CARGO ON BOAT IN WRONG ANCHORAGE.

A seaman of a trading junk was smartly fined at the Marine Court this morning, before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., for mooring his craft among others at Shauiwan with 99 tons of kerosene on board instead of at the dangerous goods anchorage.

Admitting the offence, defendant pleaded ignorance, saying he was not aware that he was not allowed to moor his junk at Shauiwan.

In answer to his Worship, Inspector McWalter said the defendant's licence was taken out in December last year.

His Worship remarked that as the defendant took out his licence in Hongkong, it was his business to know the regulations. Many other masters of junks had been fined before for committing the same offence, but there did not seem to be any sign of it coming to a stop. It appeared to him, continued his Worship, that the only way by which he could impress on them the seriousness of the offence was by imposing heavy fines.

To moor his craft with a cargo of kerosene on board among the large number of other boats in Shauiwan was a very serious offence indeed. If the junk had caught fire it would not only mean the loss of his own life and of others on his junk, but also of those other junks in the vicinity. If that occurred, it would not do for the defendant to say he did not know the regulations. His Worship imposed a fine of \$100 with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

#### COAL STOLEN FROM STEAMERS.

##### MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

His suspicions aroused, Sergeant Fraser searched a sampan along side the s.s. Michael Jensen and found a ton of coal on board the craft. The occupants, a man and a woman, were arrested and at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a charge of being in unlawful possession was brought against them.

The defendants admitted possession and said that a captain of an unknown ship had given them the coal.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys said that Sergeant Fraser was approaching the sampan in a Police launch when he saw a small girl run on board another boat and hide. The officer was suspicious and searched the sampan, finding the ton of coal on board.

It was stated that the Michael Jensen had been loading coal that morning and the Captain reported the loss of two tons. Although the defendants were not charged with larceny it was thought that the coal had been stolen from the steamer. Reports were also frequently made by the N.Y.K. of the loss of coal in transportation.

Each defendant was fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour in default.

#### "SCHOOLBOYS" AND "STUDENTS."

##### MAGISTRATE EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE.

Mr. Whyte Smith commented at Kowloon Magistracy this morning on the use of the word "student" in reference to a schoolboy. He remarked that a person who went to school was a schoolboy, while a student was one attending a university. He had often heard a schoolboy referred to in Court as a student.

Inspector Marks intimated that the interpretation of the Chinese phrase was given by Mr. Dyer Ball as a student. His Worship remarked that possibly the Chinese character for schoolboy and student was the same.

The Court interpreter replied that that was so.

#### MEAN THEFT.

##### CRIPPLED COBBLER ROBBED BY COOLIE.

A particularly mean theft was related to Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with stealing leather from a crippled cobbler.

Sub-Inspector Chester Woods informed his Worship that the defendant was engaged by the complainant to carry his stall to and from his pitch each day.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

### The Very Idea!

Things looked very busy at the offices of Messrs. Solomons and Cohen. For three whole days the partners had been poring over books and feverishly adding up columns of figures. Then, at the end of it all, a wall of despair escaped the lips of Mr. Solomons. "Ach, Cohen," he cried, "vot a vaste, vot a vaste! We have given the book-keeper a week's holiday, and his books was right, after all!"

"Have you Moore's poems?" inquired the young miss. "Just a minute," said the clerk in the bookstore. "By the way, there's a fine new story out called 'A Night of Love'—"

"I want Moore," she interrupted haughtily.

("Think of Euclid when you are putting," advises a golf professional.)

Let Euclid occupy my mind. When'er to sport I feel inclined. For diligent inquirers find. It helps the golf beginner. The problems that I pondered over.

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The saleroom was crowded. Just before the sale began an old lady, feeling the effects of the warm room, engaged in forty winks, and was soon sound asleep. When the sale commenced the old lady awoke, on her head continually nodding on her breast. The sale over, the noise of the departing people awoke her.

"Has the sale started yet?" she inquired of a gentleman standing by.

"Started!" he said in surprise. "Why, the auctioneer's knocked everything down to you!"

Donald—Aye, you was a powerful discourse on "Thrift" ye preached on Sabbath.

Meenister—Ahm glad ye were able to profit by't.

Donald—Proff! Why, mon, I would have sloshed ma saxpence into the plate without a thought, if it hadna been for your providential words—they saved me fourpence there and then.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### Cost of Living.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Perhaps some of those mathematicians who fill your correspondence columns with figures relating to salaries, bonuses and increases, would be good enough (if only for the sake of making easier the practice of the Tenth Commandment) to draw the attention of one or other of the various financial commissions to the plight of those unfortunate in commercial undertakings living on one-half or one-third of the salaries mentioned, and, since the industrial debacle, without increase or bonus of any sort whatsoever.—Yours, etc., GREEN-EYED.

### WHO WAS— EVERYMAN?

The old English morality play, "Everyman," of authorship unknown, is an allegory of the human soul in the hour of death.

There is dismay and terror in Everyman's heart when Death summons him to appear before the Almighty Father.

Must he go so soon, and alone? What of the dear companions of his earthly life? May they not accompany him on his shadowy journey?

Let him ask them then, says Death!

But Cousin and kindred retreat in horror from the doomed man, and Worldly Goods, with whom he has squandered his substance so often and so generously, is frankly contemptuous. Beauty's refusal is gentler, but just as firm, and even Wisdom may not accede to his request.

Yet there is one who will not desert him, one friend upon whom he has neglected to call, considering her of small account.

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The Committee deals extensively with extensions and adjustments of existing playing field areas on the mainland, and in dealing with the railway reclamation land extending from Holts Wharf to the junction of Gascoigne and Chatham Roads recommends that the whole of the available land on both sides of the railway be allotted annually to such clubs as might wish to take up the ground there. It is also recommended that a part of the present allotment of the K.C.C. between the bowling green and cricket field be

**Public Tennis Courts.**—Dealing with the provision of public tennis courts a suggestion put forward that a beginning be made with three courts on the south end of area P. at King's Park and that another three courts be made on some of the ground recommended as playing fields in the neighbourhood of Prince Edward Road. The Government is recommended to establish hard tennis courts on these sites.

Reservations to the report are signed by the Hon. Mr. J. F. Agnew, Mr. M. K. Lo, Commander C. E. B. Smith, and Captain A. de Linder. R.E. who do not concur in the sale of Caroline Hill for the purposes of developing the Aberdeen area.

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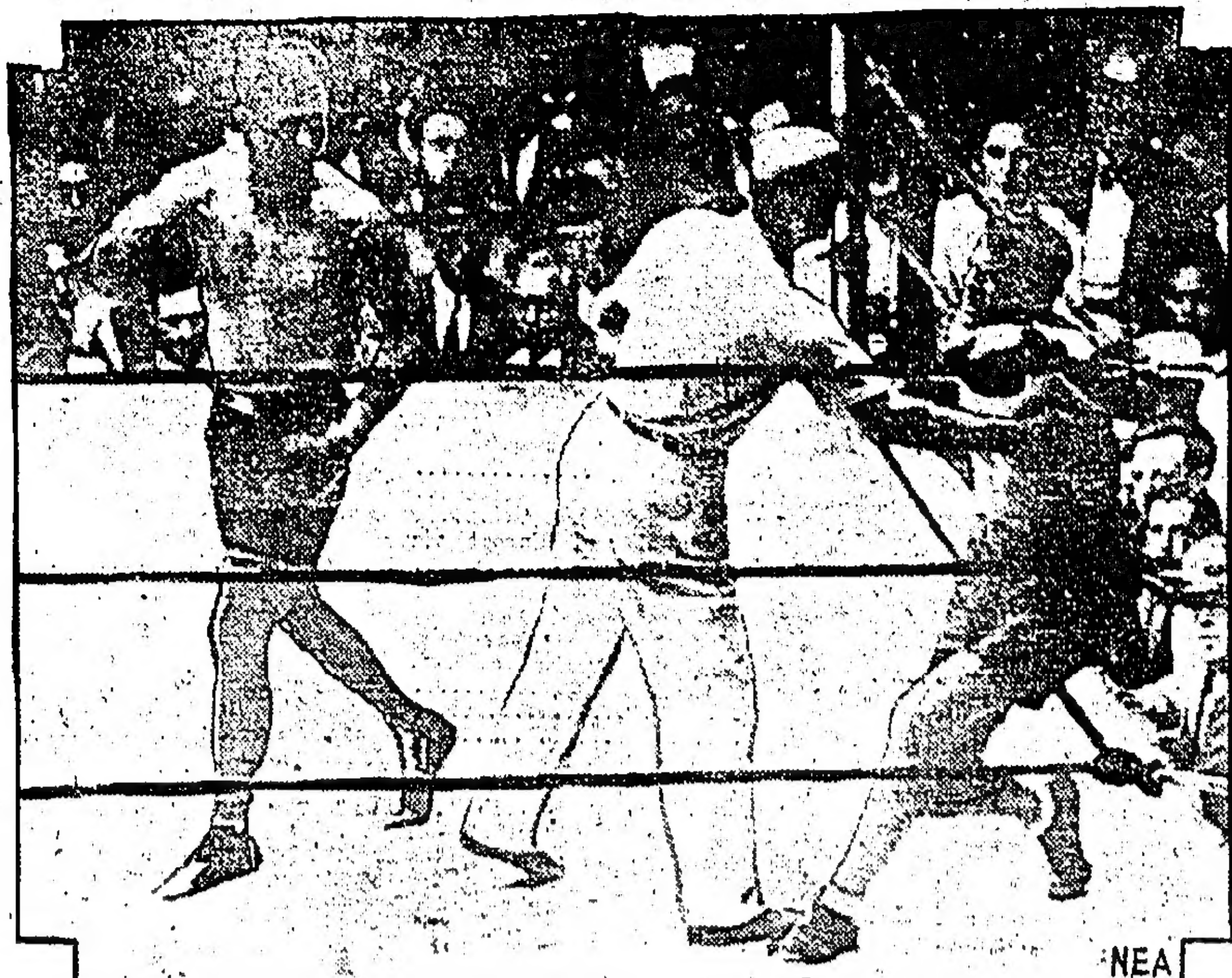
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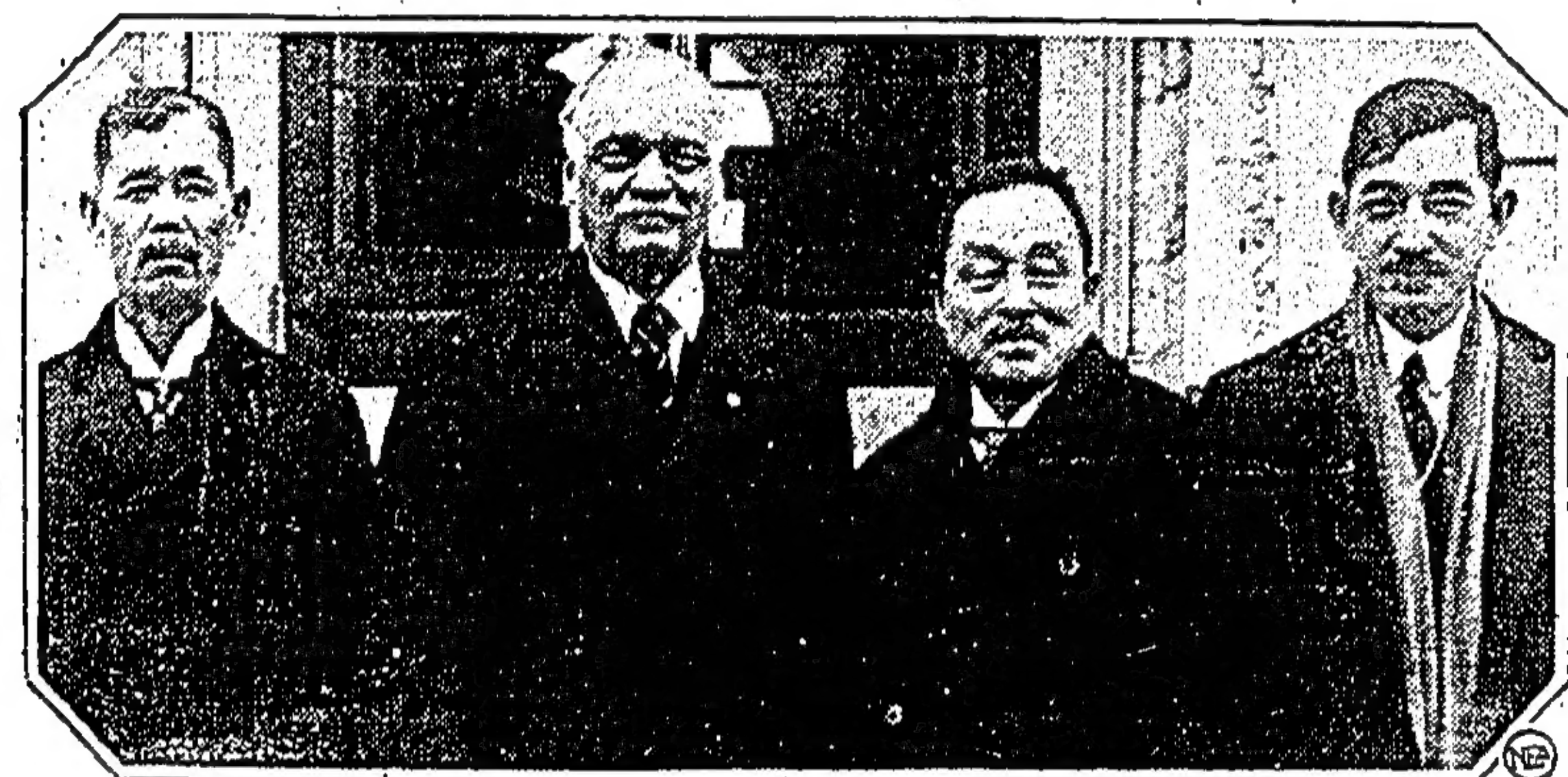




Phil Scott here is pictured with his arms flung wide over the top strand of the ring, pain written on his face, as Lou Magnolia stepped between him and his conqueror, Jack Sharkey, in the third round of their widely advertised jubilee bout at Miami, Fla. Scott stood the loser by a technical knockout.



Ready to resume his big game hunt in South Africa, which was interrupted last year by the illness of King George, the Prince of Wales is shown above, as the Prime Minister of South Africa bade him farewell just before he set out from Capetown for the jungles.



Above are the Japanese delegates to the Naval Conference. Left to right are Reijiro Wakatsuki, chief delegate; Vice President Curtis of America; Admiral Takeshi Sakerabe; and H. Saito.



Prepared to dare the South Atlantic to link their native Bolivia by air with the old world, Capt. Lucio Luizaga, left, and Capt. Horacio Vasquez are pictured above at famous Le Bourget Field, Paris, as they made arrangements for the flight. They are to hop off from Sevilla, Spain, soon, in a German monoplane, with La Paz, capital of Bolivia, as their goal.



Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks' famous movie couple, pictured here upon their arrival in San Francisco, aboard the liner Asama Maru, from Japan, completing a world tour, including Hongkong.



Mr. M. J. Danenberg, Hon. Secretary of the International Chess Club, at Shanghai was host to a group of men interested in the game. They included Mr. P. C. de Souza, Mr. M. J. Danenberg, Mr. L. G. Fynland and Mr. C. Montalto de Jesus.



A particularly charming scene from the Shanghai Yuen Road Public School for Girls production of "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs," given in aid of the Ministering Children's League.



Captain G. W. M. Grover, Royal Marines, a popular Naval Staff officer at Shanghai.



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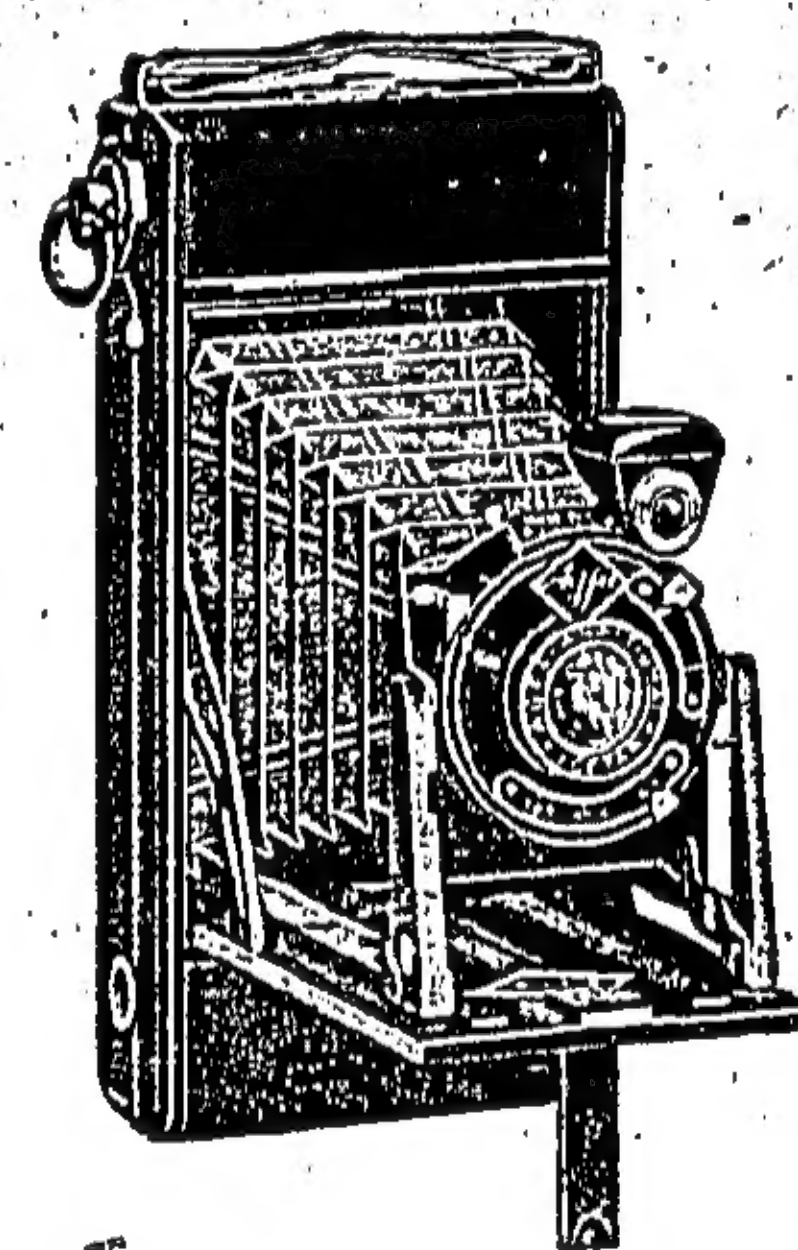
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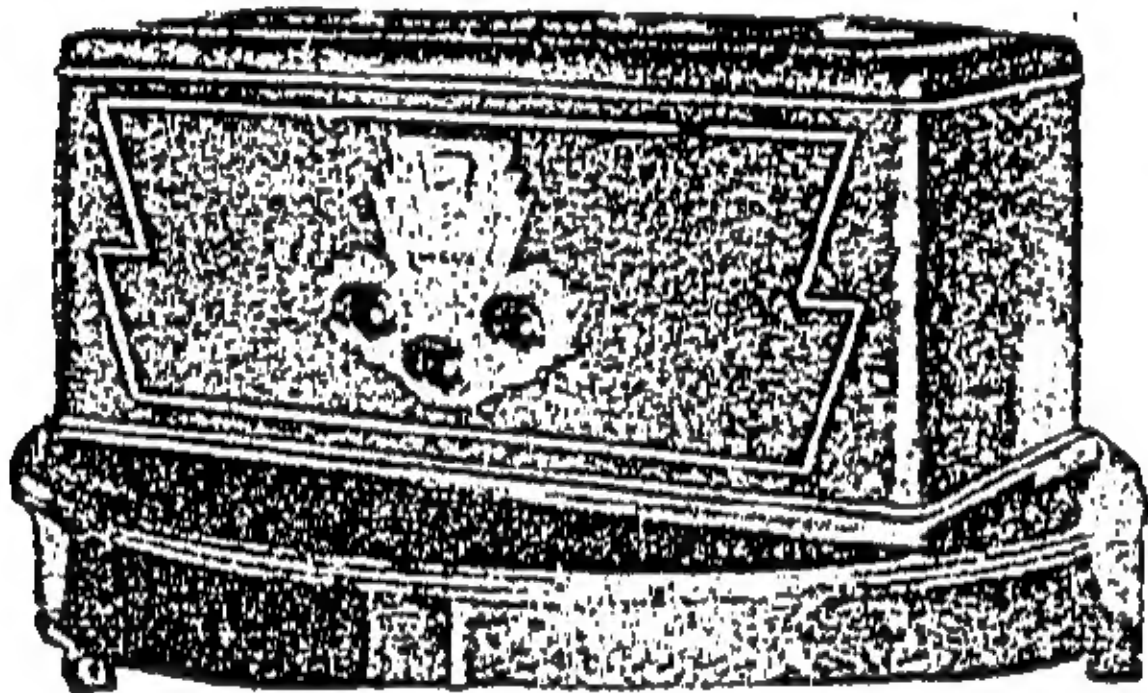
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**LINKS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.****LITERARY INFLUENCES DISCUSSED.**

A meeting of the Hongkong branch of the English Association was held last night in the Cathedral Hall. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been duly read and confirmed, he called upon the Revd. Fr. McDonnell, S.J., to deliver his address on "Literary Links between East and West."

Fr. McDonnell began by remarking that one of the best-known facts in the history of European literature is that a nation's literature is never isolated from other literatures and other epochs, but is often modified by profound influences from outside; as, for example, the Renaissance brought the minds of men into contact with Greece and Rome, and enormously affected the whole evolution of modern literatures. One question to be considered is are there any similar connections between Eastern and Western literature. An examination of Chinese writings in detail for traces of Western influence would be too big for the scope of a single paper and only an outline of the thoughts so suggested would be possible.

The audience might have come to the lecture hoping to hear the newly-discovered and almost incredible tale of ancient China before the dawn of civilisation in Europe—of the China to which modern China looks back as to a golden age, and which survives as the noble tradition of a great people. The empire had settled down from being a land of nomadic hunters to being a prosperous community of farmers. In the West, beyond the Ural Mountains, dwelt a noble people with a high moral sense and a deep love of learning, who had through the growth of self-interest lost their exalted morals and narrowed their interests; in fact they had become almost barbarian, until raised again by Christian culture, which is still striving against savage reactions. This people sent investigators to discover new lands over the Ural mountains into Asia to the unknown regions by Eastern seas. There they found the farming nation flourishing and living in harmony like brothers; in the Augustan phrase "people of Ceres." The scholarly explorers settled there and taught the natives, translating their national writings into Chinese, and teaching them the songs of the West which are preserved in fragments in the "Odes" of Confucius.

However, not a story, but the truth must be told: there is no historical record of any important influence on China from the West, nor on Europe from China. If then there are no patent links in origins or modifications of the two literatures is there any other bond? If owing perhaps to the peculiar Chinese character-language (the literary wall of China) no direct influence is felt, may there not be indirect influence through religion, philosophy, or social customs? There is no satisfactory evidence of this. Chinese social customs have their own individuality.

**Chinese Religion.** The early religion of China was monotheistic, but became mingled with superstitions and the cult of innumerable deities. It remains to examine the substance of the literature and see if any internal influence establishes a bond. Opinions of critics vary as to its merits. One sinologue has called it a "barren wilderness;" others claim for it high merit of beauty and form. Some say the language is too hard and inelastic, yet European sinologues say it has a rich vocabulary, delicacy of touch, and conciseness of style. There is a voluminous quantity of literature ranging from before Confucius (551 B.C.) to the present day, and those best fitted to judge of it, the Chinese themselves, have a deep and widespread literary appreciation that is rare in Europe. Even little children know and love good writing.

We think of literature as writings which have a universal interest by reason of their subject, and delight the aesthetic sense by their beauty of form. It has a profound human significance for it is the vital recreation of man's vision, experience, thought and feeling; it is the artistic expression of life through language. Western literature springs admittedly from life itself, and springs from the great impulses of interest in people and their doings, motives, passions, relations; it deals with the drama of human life. It comes from man's love of self-expression, and the various forms of literature disclose the social instinct.

**China's Poetry.** As in all countries the earliest form of literature in China is poetry. The "Si King" or "Odes" of Confucius are gathered from ancient collections, some of 1765-1122 B.C. and are probably the oldest secular poems extant; they consist of songs, ballads, and hymns. Poetry has lived ever since in China where all men know the names of the poets and the works of the Tang dynasty, the golden age of Chinese literature. Confucius' "Book of History" was based on more ancient documents; among his writings are also "Spring and Autumn" and "Annals" which have served as a model for historians since. He wrote philosophy too, particularly moral philosophy which has been responsible for much high moral teaching until the present time. These works combine superb style with high ideals. Chinese literature, however, unlike European, is not considered to include fiction and the drama. There is much of both written, but it is not included in true literature. Perhaps this fact is best to be explained by the remark of John Addington Symonds: "All art to be truly great must be moralised."

The particular themes of Chinese literature are as varied as life itself. As in the West so in China these may be grouped thus:

1. Pieces portraying the personal experience of the writer, as "A Wife's Memories" and "Night-Long Tryst" (both from the Odes of Confucius) and a later poem "The Prisoner."

2. Poems dealing with man as man, the great questions of God, life, death, sin, and immortality; these transcend the limits of the merely personal. They are sublime but cannot equal the Hebrew psalms. "The Prayer of the Emperor Ting" (Odes of Confucius) is of this type.

3. Those whose theme is the relation of man to his fellows, the social world with all its activities and problems which are the source of deep emotion, thence of literature. "The Friend Forgotten," "The Bulwarks of Empire" and the prose letter of an exile in Tartary are of this kind.

4. Poems treating of the external world and our relations to it; in this class are many gems of verse, such as "The Crescent Moon" (Tong dynasty 600-900 A.D.).

5. Pieces showing our own efforts to create and express under the forms of literature and art, including literary criticism.

**Literary Elements.** In Chinese as in European literature we may see the elements which an author brings to bear in his work; there are the intellectual and the emotional (the latter concerned with the writer's own feelings and those he wishes to arouse in us) and the imaginative, that faculty of vision so strong and intense that it almost gives a similar power to the reader's mind. The Chinese poets have a wonderful gift for calling up pictures of exquisite beauty as in the poem "On an Old Battlefield."

A nation's literature is not a haphazard collection; it is the progressive revelation of a nation's mind and character, and though an individual's departure from the normal may be the most interesting and stimulating part of his work, the work as a whole will reflect the spirit of the age which is well discernible and all-pervasive. It is through the study of their literature that we can best understand other races. History deals with external, literature with intellectual and moral characteristics and the aims of a people's inward ac-

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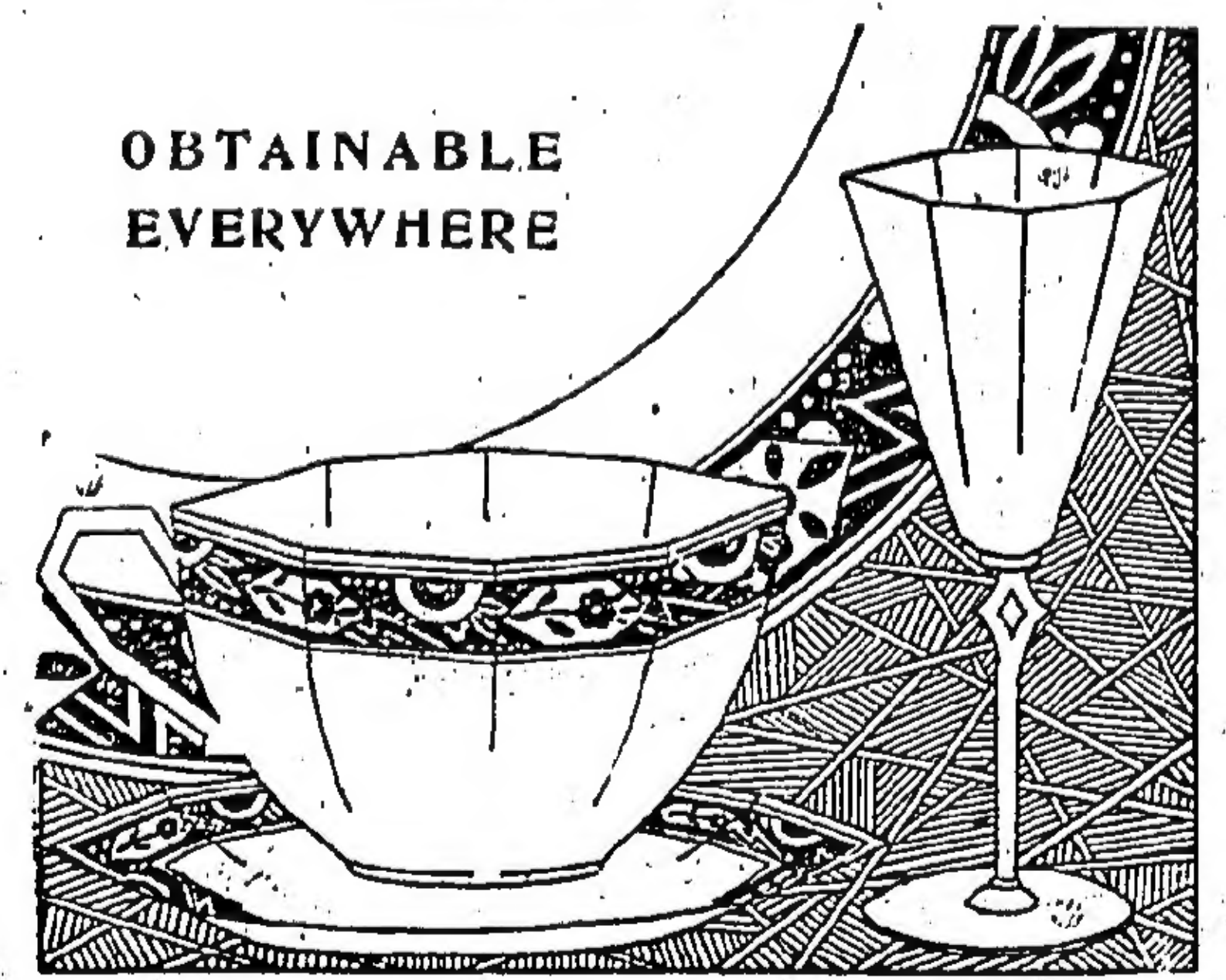
Wireless Telephone conversation between France and Brazil has been successfully inaugurated by the respective Ministers of Posts and Telegraphs. They conversed most clearly for 15 minutes.—*Reuter.*

activities. The lecturer concluded by expressing his desire for a better understanding of the ideals and thoughts locked in the treasure-house of Chinese literature, and by saying that the English Association can bring the English into touch with Chinese thought, probably to the great gain of English literature; for the bonds here are not superficial but intimate and lasting; they are bonds of the soul and not of accidental growth. His Excellency in thanking Fr. McDonnell for his able and learned address regretted the absence of Sir Cecil Clementi, himself a literary link between England and China by reason of his translations from the Cantonese. He then declared the meeting open for a discussion in which Mrs. Southorn and others took part. After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the lecturer, His Excellency announced that this meeting would be the last of the present session, and that the Association would now adjourn until October next. A vote of thanks to Sir Henry Gollan (Vice-President) who is, to the great regret of the Association, leaving the Colony next week, was heartily accorded. The meeting was then adjourned.

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## PLAYING FIELDS PROPOSED.

### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

### MILLION DOLLAR SCHEME FOR ABERDEEN VALLEY.

### PLANS FOR KOWLOON.

Important recommendations are contained in the Report of the Playing Fields Committee which was appointed in May of last year to review the provision at present existing for playing fields in Hongkong and the mainland, to consider what provision is required for the future and to make recommendations to the Government in the matter. The report, which is an extremely lengthy document, reaches us just before going to press, and it is impossible to give more than a brief summary of the more outstanding proposals.

The Committee states that it is now too late to remedy the mistakes of the past in Victoria and in some parts of Kowloon except at prohibitive cost but it is fortunately just in time to prevent similar mistakes in the undeveloped areas of Kowloon.

#### Aberdeen Valley Project.

Dealing with Caroline Hill, the Committee points out that to make the area suitable for recreation purposes and meeting other incidental expenses the total cost of the site would be \$260,000. On the other hand, attention is called to the large tract of Crown land in Aberdeen Valley, the cost of which if laid out as playing fields would make a total of over \$1,000,000. The work would take from three to five years to complete.

The Committee proposes that the Government should dispose of Caroline Hill as opportunity offers for building purposes and that the proceeds be used to develop the Aberdeen area. If the Government is unwilling to provide the funds by this means it should, as funds permit, undertake the forming and laying out for playing fields of the Aberdeen Valley area.

The Committee does not imply that the development of the Aberdeen Valley scheme should be entirely dependent on money being made available from the sale of Caroline Hill but rather that the sale of this Hill offers a means of financing the more expeditious completion of the scheme.

#### The Polo Ground.

It further recommends that when a space is made available in Aberdeen valley the Polo Club should be re-allotted a ground there, meanwhile continuing in use of its present ground at Causeway Bay.

The Committee would deprecate the fencing in of the present polo ground by any new allotments in such a way as to prevent its present use as a playground for children of the neighbourhood unless an alternative public playground is provided. Dealing with the congested state of the north end of Happy Valley the Committee recommends that as large an area as possible at the base of Morrison Hill at the junction of Morrison Hill Road and Gap Road should be reserved as an open space to provide for extensions of the area now occupied by the Civil Service, Police, Craigengower and the Hongkong Football Club.

The Committee further recommends that when a scheme has materialised for the further extension of playing fields at Aberdeen Valley, the possibility of locating the Navy recreation Club on a permanent ground of its own on some of the grounds rendered vacant or available on the Victoria side of the Island should be given every consideration.

#### Municipal Golf.

Coming to the mainland, the Committee suggests that the growing needs of the Shamshuipo and Mongkok districts be served by the reservation as recreation grounds of certain specified areas and that the possibility of utilising a less developed area as a municipal golf course be explored. The Committee considered a proposal for the formation of a golf course at the Victoria side of the Island.

## JEWELLERY THEFT MYSTERY.

### A WEALTHY WIDOW SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS.

### WORTH OVER \$11,000.

Mystery surrounds an extremely large theft which was committed in the Yau-mat district during the early hours of this morning, when a wealthy Chinese widow lost money and jewellery to the total value of over \$11,000.

The victim of the larceny was Mrs. Lam Tat-chiu, who is the wife of a former merchant of Siam, where the couple had been successful in business. On the death of the husband, the wife had returned to Hongkong and was residing at 92, Parkes Street, first floor. In keeping with her wealthy position, she possessed a quantity of jewellery of considerable value although she occupied a floor together with three other families.

On arising at about 6.30 this morning she found to her great surprise that her jewel case was missing, and, on investigation, it was found prised open and left in the street, the contents having been extracted.

When she made the discovery, the woman was prostrated with grief and was still lamenting the loss when she was being interrogated by the police later in the morning.

The police have not yet been able to discover exactly how the theft was committed. The fact that nothing else in the house was touched adds mystery to the theft. It can only be presumed that someone gained admittance to the premises either through a door which was closed but not locked or through a window which was left unbolts.

There is little doubt in the mind of the police that the person or persons responsible for the theft had a good knowledge of the premises.

The articles of jewellery which were contained in the box were mostly rings set with diamonds. Up to the time of going to press no arrests had been made in connexion with the loss.

## SPEEDY ACTION IN REICHSTAG.

### NEW CHANCELLOR ADOPTS FORMER POLICY.

Berlin, Apr. 1. In the Reichstag, the Chancellor, Herr Brüning, in a statement of policy declared that his predecessor's foreign policy would be continued and international agreements would be respected.

He made it clear that he was authorised by President Hindenburg to dissolve the Reichstag if the Government's programme was not approved, as speedy action in vital matters was essential.

The Communists have tabled a motion of non-confidence, the vote on which will be taken on Friday.—*Reuter.*

## ATTEMPT ON RECORD POSTPONED.

### KAYE DON STILL TROUBLED BY BUMPY BEACH.

Daytona, Apr. 1. Mr. Kaye Don again took out the "Silver Bullet" to-day and covered a mile at a speed of 175 miles an hour.

When he returned to the garage he said that if he had gone any faster he would have been hurled from the cockpit because the beach was so bumpy.

He has now postponed further attempts on Sir Henry Segrave's record "Indefinitely."—*Reuter's American Service.*

## WRITER IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

### W. J. LOCKE UNDERGOES AN OPERATION.

Paris, Apr. 1. The well-known novelist, W. J. Locke, has undergone a serious abdominal operation in hospital here and is now in a critical condition.—*Reuter.*

## CANTON CONSUL'S JURISDICTION.

### IMPORTANT CASE ON IMMIGRATION.

### CHINESE REFUSED VISAS FOR UNITED STATES.

### REVERSAL SOUGHT.

Canton, Apr. 1. His Honour Judge Milton D. Purdy, of the United States Court for China, yesterday had before him, in the Consular Court here, two cases arising out of the refusal by Mr. Douglas Jenkins, in his official capacity as Consul General for the United States of America in Canton, to grant visas enabling the two Chinese to proceed to the United States as merchants.

The cases were brought against the Consul General in his official capacity by Leung Siu-hai and Liew Cheek. The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. Edward G. Lyon, whilst Dr. Sellett, United States District Attorney for China, defended.

#### Jurisdiction Issue.

The plaintiffs asked for a Writ of Mandamus, whilst the defendant maintained that the Court had no jurisdiction to issue such a writ against him in his official capacity.

In yesterday's proceedings various witnesses were called and evidence for the plaintiffs and for the defendant was put before the Judge.

Finally judgment was reserved pending the filing of briefs by the prosecuting and defending counsels, which are to be filed with Judge Purdy in the United States Court in Shanghai, after which judgment will be given.

This is the first case of its kind to have been brought before the United States Court for China in Canton, and is regarded as a test case involving important issues.

#### Reason for Visit.

In his petition, Leung Siu-hai stated that he was the owner of two shares in the Marn Kwok Dispensary, of 27, Tai Ping Maloo, Canton, of which he is the Manager. On April 30th, 1929, he made application to the American Consulate for an immigration visa enabling him to enter the United States as a merchant, and to engage therein as such. He made it plain to the Consul General that the application was being made at the instance of the Board of Directors of the firm, since they desired to send him to the United States for the purpose, among other things, of buying second-hand dental and surgical instruments to be sold by the Dispensary in Canton.

The firm did not desire him to go as a traveller, as a merchant's visa was the only one that would suffice to enable him to carry out the object of his visit.

#### Consul's Refusal.

Plaintiff further stated that on July 6th, 1929, the Consul General notified him that his application had been refused, and that after consulting with attorneys in the United States specialising in immigration matters, through his own attorney, plaintiff took up the matter of reopening the case and requested that the Consul General examine plaintiff's store in Canton in order that all the facts pertinent to the application might be in possession of the Consul General, and that a statement of facts might be submitted to the Consular Court in Canton to determine the legal question as to whether the plaintiff was entitled to a merchant's visa.

It was further stated that the Consul General intimated that he was unwilling to examine the plaintiff's store or to reopen the case, but that, plaintiff was carefully examined by the Consul General regarding his application, and that the Consul General thoroughly examined the books of plaintiff's firm.

#### Reason for Refusal.

It was plaintiff's understanding that the application for a visa was denied him solely because he had not shown to the satisfaction of the Consul General that he was a merchant.

The drafting and preparation of the address was left in the hands of the Executive Committee, who will meet again on Thursday April 3 to put the necessary arrangements in hand.

The Hon. Secretary read a reply from the Club de Recreio intimating their willingness to place the club at the disposal of the Committee for the function, and to co-operate in every possible way to ensure its success. It was then unanimously agreed that the function take place on the grounds of this club.

Other provisional arrangements approved by the meeting were that the event should take place at 6.30 p.m. on May 9, tea being provided and a military band arranged. Guards of honour will be furnished by the Kowloon Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, and a suitable illuminated address presented. Opportunity will be found for representatives of the various institutions and their ladies to meet His Excellency, and arrangements will be made for a dance after the official ceremony.

It was agreed that the expenses should be met by the issue of tickets at \$1.00 each, obtainable from the various bodies or at the door. The institutions represented agreed to bear any deficit which might result.

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## WELCOME TO NEW GOVERNOR.

### PUBLIC RECEPTION AT THE CLUB DE RECREIO.

### KOWLOON FUNCTION.

The second meeting of representatives from Kowloon clubs and institutions in connexion with a suggested public reception and address of welcome to the new Governor from the people of Kowloon, for which official sanction has been obtained, was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday last, when the provisional arrangements made at the meeting on March 2 were confirmed and an Executive Committee appointed.

Those present included the Rev. J. H. Johnston (Union Church), Rev. Father G. M. Spada (Rosary Church), the Rev. W. W. Rogers (St. Andrew's Church), Messrs. E. Cock, M.B.E. (U.S.R.C.), B. Wylie (K.B.G.C.), H. Un (Kowloon Tong Subscriber's Assn.), F. C. Mow Fung (K.R.A.), J. H. Hunt, O.B.E. (European Y.M.C.A. & K. Golf Club), Feroz Ali (Indian Tennis Club), Ng (Chinese Y.M.C.A.), E. Abraham (K.C.C.), R. Wong (St. Andrew's Club), L. D'Almada (Club de Recreio), Ho U Ming (Kwong Wah Hospital) and Dr. Ip Kam Wah (Chin Wu Athletic Assn.).

## AIRSHIP TO FLY TO CANADA.

### R100 Now Being Prepared at Cardington.

### TO VISIT MONTREAL.

### London, Apr. 1.

The Airship R100 will be brought from her hangar at Cardington, near Bedford, in a few weeks to undergo trials preparatory to a flight to Canada. The overhaul work which is now being carried out will occupy a few weeks.

The Air Ministry expects the flight to Canada will start in May. The airship will fly to Montreal, where a tall mooring mast has been erected, and after refuelling her gas bags will return to England.—*British Wireless.*

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## CHIANG RUSHES TO CAPITAL.

### INVADING FORCES ADVANCE.

### HSUCHOWFU IN DANGER OF FALLING.

### THREAT ON TSINAN.

Nanking, Apr. 1. The Government is most apprehensive on receipt of information to the effect that severe battles between the Nationalist forces under General Chan Tiao-yuan and the Shansi-Kuominchun allied forces have broken out along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, indicative of a bold attempt by the invaders to assail the Nationalist capital.

Generals Ho Ying-ching and Chu Pei-teh, with several Divisional Commanders, held an important military council this morning and decided to dispatch a cable to Hanchow urging Marshal Chiang Kai-shek immediately to return and assume the task of directing the war. He is now on his way back.

#### Chiang's Return.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek with his wife and Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister, and Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, left at 8.30 p.m. on a special evening express for Shanghai this evening.

[Shanghai telegrams state that Marshal Chiang and his suite arrived at 12.20 this morning (Wednesday) and intend to stay on the train for the night, proceeding to Nanking at six o'clock this morning.]

The fact that the Nationalist President is travelling at full speed back to the capital gives further evidence of the tense situation along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

#### Nanking Misled.

The Nanking Generals are understood to have been completely misled by the movements of the Kuominchun and Shansi allied forces.

Throughout last week, Nanking military intelligence officers reported that the Kuominchun troops under the Marshal Feng Yu-shiang were massing in thousands on the Honan-Hupeh borders, with the result that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, fully anticipating a Kuominchun attack on Hankow and Wuchang, decided to devote his attention to the Hupeh situation.

It is now revealed that the converging of a strong invading force on the Honan-Hupeh frontiers is but part of the Shansi scheme, whilst it is definitely known that the best of the Shansi and Kuominchun troops are marching rapidly towards the Lung-Hai Railway, with Shantung Province as their first objective.

Marshal Feng will personally lead the 20,000 Kuominchun troops now concentrating at Chengchow, in Honan in attacks on the Nationalist forces in Shantung.

#### Aiming at Tsingtao.

The Shansi allied forces intend to attempt the capture of Tsingtao, which would give them an outlet to the sea.

The Shansi and Kuominchun forces are contemplating an early attack on Hanchowfu hoping to capture Nanking, the Nationalist capital.

While thousands of Shansi troops are pursuing the retreating Nationalist forces near Tsinanfu, severe encounters between the Government and Kuominchun allied troops are expected to break out some time this week-end between Tsinanfu and Hanchowfu.

The Shantung Garrison troops under General Chan Tiao-yuan are weak and unless Nanking is able immediately to order a quick withdrawal of its tanks, aeroplanes and troops from the Honan-Hupeh frontiers, Hanchowfu will be endangered.

#### Appeals For Help.

The victorious Shansi troops, after capturing Tehchow in Shantung, are assailing the Government forces at Pingyuan near Tsinanfu.

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## BRITISH TERRITORY INCREASED.

### MAWSON HOISTS THE FLAG AT ENDERBYLAND.

### EXPEDITION RESULT.

Adelaide, Apr. 1. Sir Douglas Mawson, speaking at a dinner of the Antarctic Committee, said one of the objects of the expedition just completed was that the British flag should be raised on the coast of Enderbyland, near Mount Codrington. Documents had been left showing that this had been done.

Sir Douglas said the area was part length of about five hundred miles of coastline which had been charted by the expedition and added to British possessions.—*Reuter.*

#### Splendid Work Done.

Adelaide, Apr. 1. Scarred by Antarctic blizzards, Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition ship "Discovery" berthed at Port Adelaide, and was greeted by a vast cheering crowd.

Sir Douglas Mawson, who was officially welcomed, said that much remains to be done, though, considering the weather, they had done a tremendous amount of work, and added several hundred miles of coastline.

They had achieved notable results through scientific investigations of the whaling areas; and found their aeroplanes most useful in their work.—*Reuter.*

## GERMAN BUSINESS COMMISSION.

### DELEGATES ON VISIT TO CANTON.

### Canton, Apr. 1.

The German industrial delegation which is on a visit to the Far East arrived in Canton yesterday and is staying at the New Asia Hotel, where they are the guests of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

Last night they were the guests of His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, at dinner at the Provincial Government Building, a large number of Chinese officials and leaders of the German community being present.

To-day the delegation plans to visit the places of interest in the city and to inspect various native industries. They will probably depart to-morrow for Shanghai, Nanking and North China.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

## NEW STAMPS FOR CHINA.

### RECORD ORDER PLACED IN LONDON.

### London, Apr. 1.

The Chinese Government has placed an order for the printing of 2,500,000 stamps with Messrs. De La Rue, of London.

It is understood that this is the largest individual order received in this country for the printing of stamps for a foreign Government.—*British Wireless.*

## AIRMEN RESCUED IN AUSTRALIA.

### SMITH AND SHIERS IN A WEAK CONDITION.

### Sydney, Apr. 1.

Smith and Shiers, the airmen who were forced down at Wyndham in North Australia soon after their start on a flight to England, have been brought from Wyndham by a search party which rescued them yesterday.

The airmen are in rather a weak condition but will be fit in a few days.—*Reuter.*

## CLOUDY.

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## NAVAL HOPES ON THE RISE.

### BRITAIN AND FRANCE FIND FORMULA.

### CONFERENCE TAKES A TURN FOR THE BETTER.

### Full Pact Likely.

### London, Apr. 1.

The Prime Minister, replying to Parliamentary questions to-day, made it clear that the British Government had no intention of entering into any commitments which went beyond the obligations resulting from the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Treaty of Locarno. He added that he might perhaps take this opportunity of saying that the French Government did not ask, and have never asked, that His Majesty's Government should add to the burden which already devolves on them as a result of these instruments.

This statement was of peculiar interest in view of the conversations which have been proceeding during the week-end between the Foreign Secretary Mr. Henderson, and M. Briand and in which efforts have been made, with the collaboration of British and French diplomatic and legal experts, to devise a formula which, while not extending British commitments, would at the same time heighten France's sense of security in such a way as to enable her to scale down her naval armament requirements.

#### A Draft Formula.

A further meeting of the two Foreign Secretaries took place to-day and they will meet again to-morrow. It is understood that a draft of at least one formula has been transmitted to Paris for the opinion of M. Tardieu and his colleagues and that fair hopes are entertained of agreement upon the text.

Meanwhile, it is anticipated that the Japanese Government's reply to the proposals which were forwarded to them as a result of negotiations between the American, Japanese and British delegations will be handed to the British and American delegations to-morrow and that it is broadly of a favourable character.

#### Revival of Hope.

Mr. Henderson, to-day had an hour's conversation with Signor Grandi in addition to his meeting with M. Briand and experts, the purpose being to keep the Italian Government au courant with the Anglo-French discussions on the political side of the conference.

Senator Reid, of the American delegation, and Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, also had a meeting this evening with reference, it is assumed, to the Japanese Government's reply. Although it is clear that much depends upon the successful issue of the Anglo-French agreement on the formula, there was a distinct revival of hope today that the conference, which apparently has a Three-Power agreement within its grasp, will yet succeed in achieving its original aim of producing one acceptable to all five Powers.—*British Wireless.*

#### New Formula Devised.

### London, Apr. 2.

It is understood that as a result of the conversations between Mr. Henderson and M. Briand, a formula, which is founded on Annex F of the Locarno Treaty, defining the responsibilities of members of the League of Nations in the event of war, was sent to Paris last night for the consideration of the French Government.

The Daily Herald states that Italy is now prepared to abandon her claim to "parity," and the prospects of a Five-Power Pact have improved considerably.—*Reuter.*

#### Some Americans Return.